

Date/Speaker/Text : 23 Mar 2021 / Eric Teo / Joshua 5:1-15  
Title : Restart Rightly as the New Israel  
Wrap Up : Voice of Truth – Casting Crown

### Text Summary:

**Key Statement:** Joshua led the new Israel through two memorable traditions (circumcision & Passover) as a way to re-start their life rightly before the Holy God

VERSE

- 01 : Outsiders' recurring "melted" response over God's powerful hand
- 02-09 : Practicing **circumcision** to remember obedience to God's law
- 10-12 : Celebrating **Passover** to remember gratefulness for God's deliverance & provision
- 13-15 : Standing on the **holy ground** to remember holiness before the Holy God

### Part 1: Circumcision (v2-9)

## Part #1 Joshua 5: 2-9 (ESV) Theme: IDENTITY

1 <sup>st</sup> circumcision during Abraham's Time <small>Gen 17:10-27</small>	2 <sup>nd</sup> circumcision during Moses' Time <small>Exo 4:25-26, Deut 10:12-22</small>	3 <sup>rd</sup> circumcision during Joshua's Time <small>Jos 5:2-9</small>
<b>Practice:</b> one-time cutting of the foreskin <b>Establish</b> the sign of covenant with God as His people; to set apart from the neighbouring nations <b>Failure</b> on their part (disobedient) would result in them being cut off by God	<b>Recognize</b> it is not only an outward practice but an inward setting apart from sin (disobedient)	<b>Renew and Avoid</b> repeating the mistake of their forefathers in disobedient (sinful) life

Circumcision with Christ in connection to our Times  
Col 2:6-15

In Christ, **we are cut out & set apart** from sin & the world  
Our identity now as God's people is from inward to outward & not just outward only

### Part 2: Passover (v10-12)

## Part #2 Joshua 5: 10-12 (ESV) Theme: REDEMPTION

1 <sup>st</sup> Passover during Moses' Time with the old Israel <small>Exo 11-12</small>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Passover during Joshua's Time with the new Israel <small>Exo 12:14, 17b, Jos 5:10-12</small>
<b>Practice:</b> Annual festival to remember how God saved the firstborn; involving Roast a Passover lamb (not to break any of the bones) to remind them of how the lamb's blood was smeared on the doorpost <b>Establish</b> how they are redeemed from slavery to be God's people	<b>Recognize</b> Restart rightly to obey keeping this festival from generation to generation <b>Add-On Learning on God's Provision</b>

Christ as the Passover Lamb in connection to our Times  
1 Cor 5:7-8

In Christ, **we are redeemed** from the slavery of sin, devil & death to be God's people  
Our redemption now as God's people is commemorated through holy communion in sincerity & in truth

### Part 3: Holy Ground (v13-15)

## Part #3 Joshua 5: 13-15 (ESV) Theme: HOLINESS

Direct Encounter during Moses' Time <small>Exo 3:5</small>	Direct Encounter during Joshua's Time <small>Jos 5:13-15</small>
<b>Setting:</b> God as the Burning Bush Take off sandals for this is holy ground Hid his afraid face from God	<b>Setting:</b> God as the commander of the Lord's army Take off sandals for this is holy ground fell on his face and worshipped <b>Joshua's side OR enemy's side = neither!</b>

Christ as the Cornerstone in connection to our Times  
1 Pet 2:9

In Christ, **we are called** to live out 4 areas  
Our holy living now as God's people is a response to this "restart" journey until Christ returns

### Lesson Summary & Closure

Part #1 Circumcision	Part #2 Passover	Part #3 Holiness
Theme: Identity	Theme: Redemption	Theme: Holy Living
In Christ, <b>we are cut out &amp; set apart</b> from sin & the world to be God's people	In Christ, <b>we are redeemed</b> from the slavery of sin, devil & death to be God's people	In Christ, <b>we are called</b> to live out as God's people

Jos 5:1 (c.f. Jos 2:9-11)

<sup>1</sup>As soon as all the kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan to the west, and all the kings of the Canaanites who were by the sea, **heard that the LORD had dried up the waters** of the Jordan for the people of Israel until they had crossed over, **their hearts melted** and there was **no longer any spirit in them** because of the people of Israel.