

# Finding Holy Ground

Joshua 5

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Romans 8:37 “But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.”

# Passover

- Exodus 12:13 “And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you, to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt”

# Circumcision

- Genesis 15:6 “Then he believed in the Lord, and He reckoned it to him as righteousness.”
- Genesis 17:10 “This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised.”

# Circumcision

- Exodus 12:48, 50

If a stranger resides with you and celebrates the Passover to the Lord, all of his males are to be circumcised, and then he shall come near to celebrate it: and he shall be like a native of the land... then they did just as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron.”

# 'Bookends' of the Wilderness



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Passover – rescued  
*(justified)*

Circumcision – identified  
*(sanctified)*

# Circumcision – a Sign

- Identification
- Health
- Spiritual meaning

# Circumcision – a Sign

- Deuteronomy 10:16 “Circumcise then your heart, and stiffen your neck no more!”
- Romans 4:3,11 “ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS CREDITED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS. And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while uncircumcised...”

# At Gilgal...

- Remember the Passover Lamb & atoning blood
- You Belong to Him.
  - Take the sign of circumcision
  - Make a clean break with the flesh.

# In Christ!

- Passover is fulfilled in Christ
  - Galatians 6:14 “Boast only in the Cross...”
  - 1 Cor 5:7 “Christ our Passover, sacrificed for us!”
- Circumcision fulfilled in Christ
  - Gal 6:15 “... a new creation”
  - Col 2:11-12 “In Him, you were circumcised, having been buried with Him in baptism & risen thru faith...”

# At Melrose!

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  - Take the sign of baptism
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2 Corinthians 12:9

My grace is sufficient for you...

My strength is made perfect in weakness.



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- Bow to the Captain of the Lord's Army

# At Melrose!

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  - Make a clean break with sin
- Submit to the LORD & Master

- Rescued by Christ
- Identified with Christ
- Submit to Christ

Where is the Holy Ground?