

How to Prepare for Spiritual Battle

Joshua 5:1-12

The nation of Israel had its own D-Day when God parted the _____ and they crossed into Canaan
NT believers have also invaded _____ territory and declared war on Satan, the prince of this world

I. WE MUST DEAL WITH THE ISSUE OF OUR PAST _____

A. The Historical Events in Joshua 5

- 1) God directed Joshua to circumcise all the men because no men had the mark of the _____
- 2) God directed Joshua to take this step in order to roll away the _____ of Egypt *Josh. 5:9*
 - a) The second circumcision took place at Gilgal, named for the event, meaning _____
 - b) The reproach of Egypt was that Israel had been _____ in Egypt for 400 years
Remember: an army of slaves have _____ conquered anything!

B. The NT Application from Colossians 2:11-12

- 1) Circumcision finds a parallel with _____
 - a) Circumcision was the external sign that someone was under the _____
 - b) Water baptism is the external sign that someone is under the _____
- 2) The spiritual meaning of circumcision finds a parallel with the meaning of _____ baptism
 - a) The true meaning of circumcision, "the circumcision of Christ," is the putting off of _____
 - b) The moment we are saved the Holy Spirit baptizes us into union with Christ and we die to _____
Paul teaches in Romans 6 that because we died to sin with Christ, our _____ to sin is broken

II. WE MUST GO BACK TO OUR _____

A. The Historical Events in Joshua 5

- 1) By applying the blood of the Passover lamb, Israel was protected from the _____
- 2) God directed Israel to re-enact the Passover exactly _____ years to the day since the first Passover

B. The NT Application from 1 Corinthians 5:7: "*For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.*"

- 1) To prepare for spiritual battle, remember that we are accepted by God only because of _____
 - a) Jesus is OUR Passover _____ : the death-angel passes over our sins only because of Him
 - b) We must understand that the gospel is our _____ and our _____ in spiritual battle
The armor/weaponry of God that is explained in Eph. 6 is all about the gospel—what Christ did for us

In order to be prepared for battle, God directed Israel to circumcise their men and celebrate the Passover.
Circumcision is the OT parallel of Baptism and the Passover is the foundation for the Lord's Supper
WE are not prepared for spiritual battle until we have fully grasped the realities behind both NT ordinances.

- 2) To prepare for spiritual battle, run to _____ for the grace to overcome the Tempter
 - a) According to Eph. 6 we are to stand against the Devil in the strength of the _____
 - b) James 4 promises that if we resist the Devil, he will flee, but we must seek the _____ to resist!