

EMBRACING CHANGE

Joshua 4

Memorials of Grace

INTRODUCTION:

1. "**Memorial**" - Webster - a memorial serves to preserve remembrance of something...designed to keep remembrance alive.
2. Memorials are about looking backward so we can be prepared to look forward and live in the present meaning.
3. **VERY GOOD:** The dynamic truth that Israel would have of the future would be based on the memories of the past, and that would give meaning to the present!!!

4. Review: Chapter 3

I. THEY HAD PERFORMANCE OF GOD IN THE PAST

1. Egypt
2. 10 plagues
3. The Red Sea Crossing
4. Mount Sinai
5. The Wilderness

II. THEY HAD THE PRESENCE OF GOD NOW

1. The Ark of the Covenant
2. **3:1-13**
3. TYPOLOGY OF THE ARK

III. THEY HAD THE PROMISE OF GOD FOR THE FUTURE

1. The People were Sanctified
 - a) Vs 5-6
 - a. "**consecrate**" - Get right before God!!!
2. Joshua was Magnified (anointed leader)
 - a) Vs 7
3. God was Glorified
 - a) **Joshua 4:24**
4. The Word of God was Verified
 - a) Vs 14-17

5. Now watch what happens!!

a) **4:1-3**

b) **Joshua 4:4-7**

6. **God loves Memorials!!**

a) The Rainbow

b) The Ark of the Covenant and inside the Ark were 3 items

1) The **2 Stone Tablets containing the 10 commandments.**

a) Which is the God's Moral Law

1. God's Code of Conduct

2. **Romans 3:19-20**

2) The jar of manna

3) Aaron's rod that budded

a) **Ephesians 2:1-5**

7. **GOD HAS GIVEN US SOME MEMORIALS TODAY**

a) **The Cross**

b) The "*ichthus*" symbol

c) **BAPTISM** (*Baptizo* = means to be placed into) Ie: dying cloth.

1) **Romans 6:1-4**

d) **COMMUNION** - *The Lord's Table*

1) **1 Corinthians 11:17-32**

I. MEMORIALS ENCOURAGE THIS PRESENT GENERATION

1. **Vs 1-3; 19**

a) "*Gilgal*" - means "rolling"

b) **Joshua 5:9**

2. **REMEMBER** - God was worked in the past, and they were reminded that he would work in the present and the future.

3. **MEMORIALS ENCOURAGE THE PRESENT GENERATION**

II. **MEMORIALS EDUCATE THE NEXT GENERATION**

1. **Vs 5-7**

2. Children need to be reminded.

a) Baptism

b) Communion

III. **MEMORIALS ARE EVIDENCE TO THE WHOLE WORLD**

1. **Joshua 4:24**

2. **Joshua 2:10-11**

THREE QUESTIONS:

1) *What is God doing in your life?*

2) *What legacy are you leaving to the next generation of God's wonderful work in your life?*

3) *What do your neighbors know about your God by memorials have created?*