



Grow: INTO OUR
DESTINY IN **CHRIST**

A study of Joshua

Living Under God's Promises

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Thank you!



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“Don't walk in your own strength. You will wither. Trust in Jesus and you will thrive. don't stand on what you can do. You will dry up. Plant yourself in what Jesus has done for you, and you will flourish. Don't sit stubbornly in your own pride. You will die. Rest humbly in Jesus – and you will live.”

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Genesis 17:9-14

“Then God said to Abraham, “As for you, you must keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you for the generations to come. This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: **Every male among you shall be circumcised. You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you.** For the generations to come every male among you who is eight days old must be circumcised, including those born in your household or bought with money from a foreigner—those who are not your offspring. Whether born in your household or bought with your money, they must be circumcised. My covenant in your flesh is to be an everlasting covenant. **Any uncircumcised male, who has not been circumcised in the flesh, will be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.**””

Psalm 95: 10-11

“For forty years I was angry with that generation; I said, They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they have not known my ways. So I declared on oath in my anger, they shall never enter my rest.”



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The Passover

	14th day of the first month
Exodus	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Put the blood of the slaughtered lambs on the doorframes of the houses• Ate the Passover• Led out of Egypt• Celebrated the Passover Meal subsequently on this day
Joshua	Celebrated the Passover

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Exodus: to remember God's hand in leading the Israelites out of Egypt.

Joshua: to remember God's hand in leading the Israelites into the Promised Land.

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Holy Communion



The seal of the New Covenant

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- We have nothing to fear because God is our Refuge and Strength.
- We now live not in shame for our past sins, but in the Spirit of power as a new creation.
- We will enjoy God's abundant blessings and provision.

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- Examine our personal lives and live in obedience to the Spirit.
- Remember what the Lord has done for us.

Circumcision of our Hearts

1. Repentance of our Hearts

- Which aspects of our lives need to be “circumcised?”
- What sins do we need to turn away from?

2. Rededication of our Lives

- Ask the Lord to draw us back to Himself.
- Ask the Lord to help us align to His priorities again