

Who am I? Part 3
I am free from sin

Galatians 5 : 51 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

The history of sin. Sin reigned in Adam.

Romans 6: 1-6 What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? 2By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? 3Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. 5If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. 6For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin-- 7because anyone who has died has been freed from sin

Gods desire was and is, to completely set us free from the power, influences and effects of sin. Jesus, while he was walking on the road to Emmaus after His resurrection, explained who he was from the old testament, to the two disciples who were with Him. So we will look into an old testament event to reveal the truth about how we have been set free from the power of sin.

Looking at the old testament types.

Joshua 3: 9 Joshua said to the Israelites, "Come here and listen to the words of the LORD your God. 10This is how you will know that the living God is among you and that he will certainly drive out before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites and Jebusites. 11See, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth will go into the Jordan ahead of you. 12Now then, choose twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. 13And as soon as the priests who carry the ark of the LORD--the Lord of all the earth--set foot in the Jordan, its waters flowing downstream will be cut off and stand up in a heap."

vs 10 This is how you will know that the living God is among you and that He will certainly drive out before you thethe list of our enemies are Gods enemies and vice versa.

Gods wants us to know, "this is how you will know" not just wonder, but to know that He is going to complete the work He started in us.

Note: Do we really know that God wants to drive out those enemies that want to rob us of what is rightfully ours as Gods chosen people?



Let's look at the Ark of the lord.

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The Ark of the Lord is a type of Jesus. The presence of God with man.

The Ark carried three things that represented three aspects of the purity, provision, power and purpose of God.

- 1/. The 10 commandments, tablets of stone. The word. Gods moral code. Gods wisdom, knowledge, guidance, instruction, promises etc for mankind.
 - 2/. The manna. Gods provision for mankind. The bread of life.
 - 3/. The Rod of Aaron that budded. Gods divine appointment and purpose for mankind.
- Jesus is all these things and more, given to mankind. The way, the truth and the life. He is the answer to all out needs.

The Jordan. Means the descender. The Jordan was renowned for being a filthy river, dirty and polluted. The filth of Sin can take you in no other direction except down. It is the great descender of mankind. It promises many things, making you feel as though it is picking you up, lifting you up with many pleasant feelings and experiences, but it is deceiving us, lying to us. If allowed to flow in our lives it will ultimately take us downwards in life, and it will carry us somewhere which we will go into momentarily.

Jesus first descended into the lower regions of the earth.

Ephesians 4 : 8-10. This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to men."9 (What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? 10He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.)

Romans 6: 3 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

What took place as the priests obeyed Joshua and stepped into the Jordan carrying the Ark.

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The priests who carried the ark. They represented all of God's people. They went in together. They were as one. God did something miraculous for us when we surrendered our lives to Him. Paul, in Romans 6 explains how we have been United with Jesus through baptism. The word united means to be fused together as when bones have been broken and then reset. Joined with Him. If you have received Jesus as your saviour, you are a member of the royal priesthood of God and you are now baptised into the Ark, as in Christ Jesus and an Ark yourself, as those who carry THE Ark Himself. Him in us and we in Him, Jesus Christ. Note 12 men who carried the ark, went into the Jordan.

Joshua 3: 15-17 Now the Jordan is at flood stage all during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge, the water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away, at a town called Adam in the vicinity of Zarethan, while the water flowing down to the Sea of the Arabah (that is, the Dead Sea) was completely cut off. So the people crossed over opposite Jericho. 17 The priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord stopped in the middle of the Jordan and stood on dry ground, while all Israel passed by until the whole nation had completed the crossing on dry ground.

Question: Has there ever been a time where you felt that because you were surrounded by the influences of sin, that you may be carried away with it your self? Your work place, your college, school, even your home?

Being set free from sin's power.

Romans 6: 6-7 For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin-- 7 because anyone who has died has been freed from sin

The water that was flowing down was cut off. Even though it was in flood. Even though you feel as though your slap bang in the middle of a sinful environment, because Jesus lives in you and you are carrying Him, you can believe that no matter what may appear to be piling up against you, Jesus will keep your feet on dry ground. You won't sink, you won't be swept away, as long as you just stand firm, trusting in His word that He will keep you and protect you.

Don't make the mistakes of the old style churches, monks ect. We are to be in the world, but not of it.

Jesus said "In the world you will face many tribulations, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world".

Isaiah 59: 19b says, "when the enemy comes in **like a flood**, the spirit of the lord will lift up a standard against him".



The sinful line of Adam was cut off. Death is no longer our destination. We have passed from death to life. [John 5:24](#).

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Adam That which flowed from Adam led to the region of Arabah into the dead sea. Arabah means dry and infertile. Everything that comes from Adam leads to death. The Dead Sea.. For the wages of sin is death.

COMPLETELY CUT OFF: Jesus has not just taken care of your own sins, He has completely cut off from you the influence of sin of the whole world. He has put an end to us being unfruitful. You shall go and bare fruit. Prosper, be blessed, be a blessing.

The re-establishing of God given authority and power.

[Joshua 4 : 1-7](#) When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua, 2"Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, 3and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan from right where the priests stood and to carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight." 4So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe, 5and said to them, "Go over before the ark of the LORD your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, 6to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, 'What do these stones mean?' 7tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever."

First read:

REMEMBER [Romans 6: 6-7](#) If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. 7because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. Freed is a word having a legal term. It's more than just freed, but completely legally released from sin.

The number twelve: 12 stands for government, rulership. 12 disciples. Twelve tribes of Israel. 12 months ruling time in one year.

12 men went into the Jordan carrying the ark. 12, men, fused together with the ark, went into the Jordan (descended) before coming up out of the other side, opposite Jericho.



Jericho means moon. Where is the moon? In the heavens above. They descended, then ascended.

These 12 stones were in the middle of the flooded river. Stones serve as a witness to something Memorials. They were ruling under the flow of filth in the Jordan. They were witnessing to the power of satan, the government of sin. The power of sin and satan flooding down from Adam leading all the way to the dead sea.

Picture this next scene.

Joshua 4: 5 and said to them, (the twelve) "Go over before the ark of the LORD your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, 6to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, 'What do these stones mean?' 7tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever."

Isaiah 9: 6For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and **the government will be upon his shoulders.**

Go back into the middle of the Jordan. Go back into the place from which you just crossed over. That place which I just delivered you from, with its torrent of filth and pollution. That place that had been a hindrance to you entering the promised land of blessings which I have prepared for you. And pick up twelve stones that represent satans power of sin, from the place where the ark was held and stopped the flow of filth, and carry the stones back with you on your shoulders and to where you are staying.

We don't need to put up with sin and satan in our lives any more. Those bad habits we struggle with. Those bad attitudes and behaviours we think we cant control. We just need to pick up our stone from where the ark stopped the flow of sin and carry it back to where we are right now and say I have been set free from your power and authority. I release myself from your power satan. We have been called to go into all the world, this world of sin, and take up our authority against the enemy.

Prayer. I renounce every work of sin in my life. I am dead to sin. I release myself from the power of sin and satan. I am free through Christs death and resurrection.

