

# “Joyful Confidence in the Journey”

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9)

“So when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Jordan with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people,<sup>15</sup> and as soon as those bearing the ark had come as far as the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the brink of the water (now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest),<sup>16</sup> the waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap very far away, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over opposite Jericho.<sup>17</sup> Now the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all Israel was passing over on dry ground until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.” (Joshua 3:14-17)

## 1. We know who we are (Whose we are) and our purpose (listen to last week’s message (christcm.com))

### 2. He and His promises are always before us

- The Ark of the covenant was made with wood and covered with gold, a type of the Prototype: Jesus (God-Man)
- Jesus is the fulfillment of the ark; He is *Immanuel*, which is translated, “God with us” (Matthew 1:23).
- <sup>14</sup> Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession... <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:14-16)

### 3. Jesus “cut off” sin and the overwhelming flood of eternal consequences “at Adam”

- For if, because of one man's trespass (1<sup>st</sup> Adam), death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ (2<sup>nd</sup> Adam). (Romans 5:17)
- “As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.” (Psalm 103:12)
- <sup>28</sup> After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished... “It is finished...” (John 19:28-30)

### 4. Our Eyes are fixed on the Ark

“...run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus...” (Hebrews 12:1b-2)

### 5. We’ve crossed over (and we’re not going back)

- “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation” (2 Corinthians 5:17-19)
- “By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world.” (1 John 4:17)

### 6. STEP FORWARD WITH CONFIDENCE

- “What ails you, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back?” (Psalm 114:5)
- “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” (1 Corinthians 15:55)
- Expect a miracle as you step out in faith with your eyes fixed on Him!
- Expect that the living God will be with you, turning impossible problems into an opportunity to see Him glorified.