

The Restoration of God's Image in the Book of Joshua

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Introduction:

The book of Joshua is one of the historical books in the Old Testament. The focus of historical books aims to the redemption of Christ in the process of historical event that expressed a lot of symbolism and typology. They reveal abundantly the salvation for His own people. The salvation was based on the restoration of God's image. So although the restoration was revealed by symbolism and types mode, the reality appeared obviously in the church.

As we review the symbolism and the types in the book, we are going to arrive on the reality of the image. Finally the reality relates to God's attributes, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness. These are the purpose of redemption and the means of the redemption.

In this book we can find three things limitedly in the events of the crossing of Jordan (3:1-17), the commander of military, and the battle of Canaanite seven tribes.

I. The Sign of Crossing Jordan River (Joshua 3:1-17)

The miracle of Scripture has the meaning above curious phenomena. The miracle belongs to the pictorial revelation, we can call the explanation revelation because God reveals his will to his own people through the miracle. What is the miracle? We can say that the miracle proves our God has the supernatural power to create, to provide, and to redeem.

Why Jehovah did reveal many miracles to Israel in the wilderness? Their lives consisted of lots of miracles caused by the supernatural power. Among eating, drinking, sleeping, walking, and fighting of daily life, they had experienced the wonderful events. These miracles proved obviously the supernatural power of God as sign in the church.

Among them crossing of Red Sea, reveals the wonderful redemption that the church was delivered out of sins. This is the interpretation of the Apostle (I Cor.10:1-2). Actually the event of crossing the Red Sea stressed on the abundant salvation, the remission, justification, and baptism as a sign of salvation.

In the text we can find another crossing. It is crossing of the Jordan River. What do you think of crossing the Jordan River? We have to think about it with the reality of that event. What does it mean?

First, crossing of Jordan River means another aspect of church salvation.

1) Verses 13-16 say "And 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. So when the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carrying the ark of the covenant went ahead of them. 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 is a very great event that reveals the reality of salvation of God's people again, like crossing the Red Sea. So we can interpret this symbolic event as another aspect of salvation. I Corin.10:1-5 explain that Paul interpreted that the church was baptized

under the cloud and the water. For I want you to know, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.”

What does it mean? Crossing the Red Sea is a symbolism or, a pictorial revelation. What is the reality of symbolism? It is the salvation of his people out of miserable sin. In the event we can learn the character of our wonderful salvation, that is, to be saved out of miserable sins. Here crossing Jordan River points that detailed salvation in his people who depends on the fundamental salvation. Actually after we were saved out of our sins, we can taste the actual grace in every area of our lives by the work of Holy Spirit. In other words, we shall be saved out of our sinful desire. Just it is the reality of crossing of Jordan River. Crossing of Red Sea points the baptism, justification but crossing of Jordan River is about self-denial, cross-bearing; those are, the sanctification.

After we received the baptism with the water, we affirm that we are saved out of sin. Basically the baptism of water is the mark of our salvation, but more important is the baptism of the Holy Spirit. What is the baptism of the Holy Spirit? It means to be cleaned by the Spirit. In other word, it is the regeneration. “Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God (Jn 3:6).” Do you see the kingdom now and also do you enjoy the kingdom of God? Actually the regeneration means the event baptized by the Holy Spirit in our Christian life. It is the reality of crossing of Red Sea that is a symbolism. This symbolism relates to another symbolism, crossing of Jordan River. Actually two symbolisms abundantly point to the same character of salvation, therefore we can think two important things in that pictures. As we know the united contents in I Corin 12:13. “For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.” We participate into the baptism of Holy Spirit and also we enjoy the abundance of the baptism as drinking the water and eating baptism’ grace. Refer to revelation 3:20 that explain the reality of salvation as intimate fellowship with the Lord on one table with eating it. Actually the justification is sanctification and also sanctification is justification in the salvation (baptism).

So we understand that the baptism of water of and drinking the living water out of the rock means the abundant grace of the Holy Spirit and also the miracle that the Jordan River was broken means the redemption out of the sinful desire, that is the factory that always produces sins. What does it mean?

Second, Jordan River is the symbol of our sinful desire that produces the sins.

The cross of Christ cleaned up every sin once of all, forever. (Gal. 5:24 “And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.”) And what we remember must be happened through the holiness and the purity. According to the command, “Consecrate yourselves” (5), as we examine ourselves through the repentance and the faith shall happen some wonderful things. (3:11, 14, 16, 17).

“See, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth will go into the Jordan ahead of you. So when the people broke camp to cross the Jordan, the priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant went ahead of them...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. 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”

If the Lord cleans up all our sins, all our evil and all our punishment, but lives the sinful desire, can we overcome it by your wisdom? The Scripture says that we cannot do that. Rom7:21-25 says “So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.” We never can be able to overcome our sinful desire. Our endurance, our meditation and our good behaviour cannot influence to remove it out of our heart because it was very strong, stimulated and systematically.

Jesus Christ knows it very well in his ministry. At Gethemane he prayed with his disciples to God for his cross. Then his disciples slept. Then the Lord says “Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” (Mt26:41) Do you know this meaning? Most peoples misunderstood that it is physical tired body for compassion to them. No. it is does not mean such thing. Here “*sarks*” means the sinful desire. It cannot arrive to the standard of the Lord. It is impossible to stay there. So we have to cast it to the seat of death, demolition. Here the Lord pointed the main problem and the solving method to them.

The method is to believe in the merit of Christ’s cross. So our Lord should bear the cross to remove the sinful desire. Paul proclaimed “For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.(Rom7:15-19)“ This is the main key to remove our burning sinful desire. When only the Spirit apply it our heart we can overcome the temptation before God. So Paul thanked the Lord and praised the Lord. We have to cross our Jordan River in our lives.

For example, when we have receive the temptation of stimulated things, by stealing, lairing, hating, envying, and sexual desiring, how can overcome them in our actual life? As our sinful desire rises in our heart we cannot control it. We have to admit that fact. At that same time we have to admit the merit power of the cross. Then our life becomes thankful, to praise and to devote ourselves to the Lord as living sacrifice. (Rom12:1-2)

Do not follow the emotion but the will that depended on of God, the Word of God. When we see the light of the Lord, we can see our inner light. When we look at the glory of the Lord’s face we find that we shall be transformed by the work of the Holy Spirit. (II Corinthian 3:18) This is the reality of crossing Jordan River.

Did you cross the red sea”? And also did you cross the Jordan River in your lives? As the Israelite looked at the Ark of Covenant and followed the moving, they shall walk

into the water as the dry land. We can overcome the sinful desire by follow the word of God in our actual life. Next, we see the other reality of Jordan River in the redemptive symbolism, crossing of Jordan River.

Third, the Jordan River means the symbols of devil, death, and sin in the light of redemptive history.

When we meditate this event, we should see the reality of the symbolism for the abundant grace of our salvation that God provides in Christ.

1) We had crossed the stream of sins, evil, and conviction, the main cause of our condemnation.

It means that our every sin had been cleaned by the merit of Christ, our saviour. So we claim wonderful promise as Apostle Paul did in Roman 8: 31-37 and Rom 3: 21-22

If we confessed that I believe in the fact (Christ's merit) and confess that Jesus is our Lord, already we are saved out of miserable sin, evil, and conviction.(I John 1:9) Just like Israel crossed the Jordan River, we had crossed the stream of our sins by faith. We have the eternal life, we had been moved into the eternal life, and also we shall not be condemned (Jn 5:24).

Buddhism teaches that the sin is like the full river stream, the big mount and the much sand mount. But they claim that the good behaviour of a man can cross across the sin stream. So they exhort that the salvation shall come out of the merit of human. What do you think of it? Actually the teaching reveals in any religions, Confucius, Hinduism, Muslim, and Natural Spiritism except the Scripture. However, the Scripture reveals that any merit of the man cannot clean, not even one sin in his heart; in other word, he cannot calm down the sinful voice of conscience. Actually do we clean up our sin in our lives by our merit? Absolutely we can do that. After the king David committed the sever adultery and murder in his life, he confessed that he was struggled by his sin in his awakening soul. "For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. "Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart (Ps 51:3-6)." He found the root of sins, the depth of the sin and the power of the sin. Through the process he could find the only method of cleaning his sin. What is this? It is only the hyssop that points the merit of Christ, the tool to apply his merit to the heart. It means that the merit of Christ purges me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow (Ps. 51:7).

One day, David confessed that "blessed is the man who was covered his sin by the merit of Christ (Rom 4:7-8)." True repentance makes us to approach at the place. Did you cross the stream of sin in your life? Did you repent your sins before God? When did you confess your sins recently? Again we have to cross the Jordan River of sins by faith, "if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1: 9)." Through the process we shall be changed into the image of God, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness.

Actually we receive the wonderful grace of the Holy Spirit from the heaven as the Elisha did in the Jordan River. He needed the process in his calling. He passionately seeks the grace of the double inspiration of Elijah's spirit. "What do you want? He

confessed the double of the Spirit (the power of the Holy Spirit). It is very difficult to take in his life. Before his teacher was passed away he cannot receive it. But he did not give up his demand to God. The scripture did not mention to him about the fact that he received the double gift. It is in science. But the revelation used the symbolism to make us understood it. He crossed Jordan river by dividing the stream by hitting with the garment of his teacher. Then before his action he broke out his clothes. Their friends saw that action and understood that Elisha received the double spirit from God. This is our ministry. We have to cross the stream of our sinful stream by faith moment by moment.

The seminary is the garden of prophets that the man of God who have God's calling should break their external sinful cloth by repentance and faith. In other words we have to change our life in the process of our training course. We are very shameful to listen to the treating the miserable issue, the relationship between the male and the female. We have to cross the Jordan River. Jesus died on the cross to give the wonderful cleaning to us.

2) We have to cross the dead stream of Jordan River.

Jordan River points the physical death and spiritual death and the eternal death. It is wonderful to die on the cross in order to solve this eternal death. Look at the man of God, Paul. He proclaimed "where is the poison of death?" The death can overcome our Christian life in the earth. So we are the strongest person in the earth. This is our privilege. Already we crossed over the Jordan River by faith.

Actually we meet many death situation in our heart, in family, in relationship, and in the ministry. Then we have to apply the power to them. As the Lord commanded to the Nazaro "come out of there!" we should command to the dead things in order to establish the Word of God. Although we meet the dead situation, we challenge to them because God prepared everything for us. So Christian can live an activating life in this earth. We have to assure that we crossed the Jordan River by resurrection of Christ out of death, because we were died with Christ and resurrected with Christ. And also we have living hope in Christ Jesus because the living stream came out of our heart by the works of the Holy Spirit.

Ex: Ezekiel 37: reveals the flowing stream in the church. Where does it flow out of to the temple? The living water came out of the bottom of flow of the temple. And flow to the outside of temple and the sea of the death. Then the event of the life happened in the dead body, the dry tree had the renewal in Christ Jesus. When we serve the church humbly, we can find wonderful life in our heart. The Acts reveals the revival that the work of revival was happened out of the dead situation, suffering, trouble, persecution, and struggles in the church. The work was depended on the resurrected power of Jesus Christ. Although the primitive church fall down into the miserable state the work of resurrected grace was happened in the world. This is the reality of crossing the Jordan River. At our last day before God we have to cross the Jordan River boldly to enter the heaven. Then we should walk across on the water by faith because our Joshua, Jesus Christ, opened the water of absolute death to make us resurrected into the eternal life. We believe in it.

3) We overcome the power of Satan and the authority of Hades.

Another meaning of crossing of Jordan River is to conquer Satan and his power. It is wonderful to reveal the important truth by using the Symbolism mode. Crossing

Jordan River reveals to clean all sins and to overcome all temptations, lastly it means to overcome the power of Satan and authority of Hades.

What does the red sea mean? Although the red sea is real, we can understand the reality in the light of the apostolic interpretation, according to I Corinthians 10: 1-2, the Red Sea points to the devil, death, and sin, as the “deep state” in the first vision of Zechariah does (1:8). So we should observe the crossing of red sea in Israel’s history in order to understand the wonderful redemption. So we claim that it teaches the one side meaning of our salvation, that is, the state before the salvation, curse and sins. From where were we saved? It was the wicked state. In the most miserable state we are saved.

So when we fall down into miserable state we can have the wonderful hope because we were already saved out of absolute curse. What is your destruction state in your life? Although your mind claims that I cannot do all things, you should see the original revelation. The cross of Jesus Christ can do that. Actually the crossing event of red sea and Jordan River teaches wonderful salvation. Do you believe in it?

Ex. Look at a paralyzed person who was fallen into the very miserable state, it is like the state of darkness, Satan, curse, punishment, sin and hell. When they approached to the Lord with passion and humility, their Jordan River, their struggling things disappeared by the Christ’s proclamation of remission. Immediately he was healed by the grace of God.

When we meet some struggles about our present lives, we should remember his victory that removed all sins by his merit and also applied it to that issue. By faith our present troubles have been disappeared as we accept it to our present life. Do you believe in it?

In the school life we have to learn many subjects, but more important thing is to learn crossing of Jordan River by true repentance and true faith in front of God. Assure that you already overcome every sin, every absolute death and also every temptation of Satan. Among them we stress to overcome the temptation that loses the holiness and purity. So Paul exhorted to Timothy: “escape the desire of youth season.” In order to overcome the stimulated sins we have to devote ourselves to the studying the Word of God. How can we overcome the several desires? It is to enjoy the truth, the word of God.

II. Who is the commander of Israelite military? (Joshua 5:13-15)

The Scripture focuses on Christ, who is the Lord of redemption of his own people. Furthermore the Old Testament points on Christ, as the creator of all redemption, the source of our salvation. Through studying O.T. we find lots of symbolism and types of Christ, Christ executed to accomplish the economy of God, which established with beginning. Among them the chief of the military of Israel is Joshua. Who was the chief of the military? We can observe that following questions can provide these important answers to us.

First, what prove that He is pre-incarnated Christ?

The following two facts evidence that He is the incarnated Christ.

(1) He led Joshua, who took charge to occupy Canaan by standing before him and commanding how to occupy them. Only The Lord can lead his servants in order

to accomplish the economy of God. Joshua should obey his command because he was the pre-incarnated Christ.

(2) He was worshiped by Joshua, because he was the Christ, who took the same authority of Jehovah. Then Joshua bowed down before him because he is God as the angel of the Lord. The context proves the reason, as soon as the word of the chief of military revealed at once. The Lord revealed towards the warfare of Jehovah. Why the commander change into the Lord? Two terms are interchangeable identification. In a word, the commander must be the Lord.

In Joshua 6:1-4, "Now Jericho was shut up inside and outside because of the people of Israel. None went out, and none came in. And the Lord said to Joshua, See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and mighty men of valour. You shall march around the city, all the men of war going around the city once. Thus shall you do for six days. Seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets."

Who is our commander? Jesus Christ who died on the cross and rose up. He commanded us "go to all nation to make disciple and teach his word and make them to keep the word in the world." He is our commander. Mt 28: 18 says " And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." We are his company his military who should follow his command in the world. So we today obey his command faithfully: in studying the Bible, English, and ministry relationship, this is our privilege.

Second, what did the chief command to Joshua exists?

As the authority of Moses, Joshua should take off his shoes on the earth, the promised holy land, Canaan, which points the heaven, the state of fullness of Holy Spirit. The holy thing should be accomplished by the holy person who was saved out of his sins. Joshua is the type of Christ.

Verse 15 said "The commander of the Lord's army replied, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy." In a word the commander made Joshua to be holy. Holiness of the land was the purpose of his activities. When the leader was holy, he could accomplish the purpose of God towards His own people, Israel. Now our Lord Jesus Christ works in his people's holiness by the work of Holy Spirit. Repentance and faith to the word of the God is primary ministry of the Holy Spirit in us for holiness shall be stage of God's redemptive ministry.

In our school life is like a spiritual warfare. The primary mission that we have to keep is to keep ourselves to be holy. What does it mean? Holiness means to live the separated life out of the worldly thinking, mind, attitude, direction and methodology. Do you keep the holiness in your actual life? Don't you now struggle with the real life in your school life? Especially we have to be kept from the world. "We have to caution to the stimulated sins in the youth day. Basically the Scripture respect the godly relationship between the male and the female. (Godly marriage life godly intimacy) but Satan tempt us in the aspect of the beautiful life toward the secular seat. Although any temptation attacks to us any time any place we should keep ourselves by God's wisdom as Joseph did. How could Joseph overcome the temptation: Because he knows the positive method which is to escape from the sinful

place. In this time if you concentrate to the reading the Word of God, and praying to God to get some grace, you can get the power to overcome the temptation. Keep your holiness because Jesus Christ made us to be holy. (I Corinthian 3:16) we are a temple.

Third, what is the role of the commander to occupy Canaan?

Its role was to encourage his people, to keep the fear of the Lord after occupying the city. The pre-incarnated Christ was appeared among the Israelite. It means that his appearance accompanied the presence of God's glory. His action suggests the military of God's people. It is the type of Christ. Jesus as the only mediator between God and his people died on the cross in the replace of his people to lift up to the heavenly state. So we believe that His death is my death. His resurrection is my resurrection and his ascension my ascension. (Eph. 2:4-7) But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Paul confessed that “I was crucified with Christ (Gal2:20).” I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I live now in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Their wonderful position of the revelation was drawn in the text, that is, the event to occupy the city, Jericho. How did the revelation reveal to us? There are elements.

(1) His work is very simple. Whoever obeys his command can occupy the city. Their positive action was obedience, as a child followed his parent's command, for Jesus evangelized that only the person who was like a child with obeying heart and humble heart can enter into the heaven. Israel obeyed and followed according to Joshua's direction. Today we should follow Jesus direction in any situation, by the teaching of the Scripture.

(2) His work was centred in the word of the Lord, which the ark of covenant points. When they turned arrived at Jericho, they should follow the Ark, which means the presence of God and the Word of God. One day one time they should turn around the city Jericho. Seventh day seven times they should turn around Jericho. And they should shout out with one voice “shout! For the Lord has given you the city!” However this is the attitude of their faith to the covenant, because God gives the city to them, they could claim that this is our property, God's property.

(3) They should follow the direction of God, to keep, to think, to work the Promised Land, the arranged property. They should accept that the city and its possession were offered to God. So Israel should not use the military possession by themselves. The commander focuses to destroy the city Jericho the first city of Canaan as well as to keep thanking in the life of the people. Jesus Christ, our only gracious mediator accomplished these two missions as the economy of God. Joshua, the type of Jesus accomplished his command incompletely. As such events, the redemptive work of Jesus were revealed the wonderful theme repeatedly to us.

In our school life we follow to the Lord Jesus Christ. How? By faith we can follow him. It means that we have to accept his merit in our lives and to claim that by faith and repentance. We assure that Our “Joshua” accomplish the salvation for us 2014 years ago. Do you believe it?

The commander of military was the pre-incarnated Christ. He revealed before Joshua, as type of Christ revealed the redemptive execution of the economy of God and also He revealed obviously the ride, the attitude and the methodology of redemption to his people. We, as one of the predestined people, should learn the methodology and the goal, and serve him in the world.

III. What is the Reality of Occupying Canaan (Joshua 14:6-15)?

We think some truth that relates between the occupying Canaan and the birth of Christ or, the presence of Christ. The reason that I compare two each other is to understand the reality of occupying Canaan. What do you think of it?

In fact the occupying Canaan was accomplished by the purpose of Christ's coming (Matthew 1:21). The salvation of his people is in the view of redemptive history. The occupying Canaan points the reality of redemption, the forgiveness of sins, Immanuel and the assurance of mission. In such meaning we enjoy the reality of Canaan in the Christian life. And also we have to expect to experience the wonderful grace in our present life. Actually it is the experimental of Roman 8: that Paul tasted in his life "I am more than conqueror" and the abundant life of God's love. Do you enjoy this grace in your life?

First, It is to have the assurance of forgiveness of Sins.(v. 10)

Verse 10 says "Now then, just as the Lord promised, he has kept me alive for forty-five years since the time he said this to Moses, while Israel moved about in the desert. So here I am today, eighty-five years old!" What do you find in the event of Canaan's warfare? Why did God want to kill the all tribes of Canaan? Our God, Jehovah so cruel without giving some mercy to poor man? It is like the conqueror, as the cruel dictator, Jinghis Khan who was a leader of Mongolian country. His occupying method is to demolish his enemies and his family completely. The method was used by Assyria in history. God's command was worse than the dictator's one. Israel should demolish the all Canaan tribes. What does it mean? We need the right interpretation of that event. It means that God treat the sins. "The debt of sins is the death." The event reveals the true reality to his people. So we can understand one of the realities of occupying Canaan, which is the forgiveness of sins. Actually we can enjoy the assurance of forgiveness of sins by confessing our actual conviction. I John 1:9 say "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1:7 "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin." According to these passages John had enjoyed the abundant grace of the forgiveness of sins. This is the one of the Canaan's reality. What is your worst trouble in your life? It is the sins issue. We have to occupy the issue by the power of God. Although the sin is very strong very miserable in our lives we believe that Jesus Christ solved the issue by his death. We got the freedom out of every sin. So we can enjoy his permanent forgiveness in our lives.

Ex: How cans the adultery woman got the forgiveness of his shameful sins in her life? "I am not condemning you. Do not commit sins." How could Jesus say such things? because he can do solve every sins that is the essence of the man's problems, and also because he accomplished every sins of his own people at his death of cross. Now our Lord proclaims to us, "I do not condemn you because I am the

absolute offering of atonement for you. Already God accepted the price of his death as precious blood. We believe in it.

Example: Today many people struggle their quality feeling in the inner part of their lives. The quality makes us to be worse in our lives. Although we tried to repay the burden of conscience by our good behaviour and our good things, we can not calm down the inner small voice. Then we should trust on the absolute merit to clean up our sins. Why? Only the merit of Christ can clean up our sins because God accepted his death as absolute substitutive offering for us. So we can believe that after we confessed our sins to God by faith we can say, "Thank God for your merit of Christ. We can praise the Lord because of the merit power of Christ death. This is the reality of occupying Canaan.

Second, It is to have the assurance of Immanuel.(v. 12)

Second reality of Canaan occupying is must be the experience of Immanuel. Actually Immanuel means the reality of fullness of Holy Spirit and the presence of living God.

When we think of the event of Canaan battle we can find the main cause of victory in it. What is it? It is the Immanuel. Actually Immanuel is our redemption. What is your ultimate goal in your life? to glorify God and to enjoy in Him is the purpose of our redemption as well as the means of the redemption. The ultimate goal of our ministry shall be Immanuel that means to be with God, the union state with the Lord.

To eat the milk and the honey is important for us, but more important to enjoy the Immanuel, the reality of Canaan by the obeying the Word of God and praising the Lord in our Christian life.

It is very easy to tend to accomplish some things in the Cambodia ministry rapidly. But we have to concentrate on sustain the state of Immanuel in our ministry in order to build the will of God.

Third, It is to have the assurance of the mission.

The last reality of Canaan- conquering is the assurance of mission. Basically Canaan was the destructed land by the serious sins of seven tribes, idolatry and adultery. Then God drove them out the outside, bestowed them to his own people as the blessing land that points the sanctuary to fellowship between God and His people that is the main climax state of covenant. In the New Testament it is the state in Christ. What is the real Canaan? It is the state in Christ. And also what is the reality of Canaan? It is to obey the great command of the Lord, Jesus Christ.

Mt. 28:18-19 says "And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.'" And also I Tim2:2 says "for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way." From two passages we can summarized two kinds, evangelism and education t make disciple in the all nations. This is the purpose of church in the world. When the church concentrates on this one she can enjoy the reality of Canaan in the Christian life. In Cambodia we can enjoy the reality of Canaan, although we meet much suffering in our lives.

Do you enjoy conquering Canaan in your life? How do you enjoy the real Canaan in your life? When we live in Cambodia, personally I enjoy the natural

situation in Cambodia in my trip, I love that But I love the real Canaan in Christ. If I do not know these things my life shall be empty.

Do not you think so?

Conclusion:

In history Israel did not enjoy the reality of Canaan in their times. They did not understand the reality of Canaan fully until Christ came on the earth. Today we stay in the same case. We should concentrate on the reality of Canaan in our ministry and school life. What are they? The realities of Canaan are the Remission, Immanuel, and Mission. This is the restoration of God's image, righteousness, mercy and faithfulness. Let us enjoy the abundant grace in our lives.