

“Renewing Relationship with the Lord”

Joshua 5:1-15

subject: Israelites are circumcised & celebrate Passover

objective: be renewed in relationship with the Lord

keys to renewing relationship with the Lord:

I. recommit to the Lord (vv. 1-9)

A. circumcision was a sign of the covenant between the Lord and Abraham (Genesis 17)

1. covenant

a. an agreement

b. contains permanent promises

c. relational in nature

e. confirmed with a sign

II. remember the Lord (vv. 10-12)

A. Passover

1. the Lord “passed over” & didn’t allow plague of death to come upon Israelites who placed blood of the lamb on doorposts (Exodus 12)

B. Jesus commanded we celebrate communion in remembrance of Him (Luke 22:19)

III. reverence the Lord (vv. 13-15)

A. Christophany: pre-incarnate appearance of Jesus Christ (Genesis 18:16-33, 32:24-30; Judges 13:1-23)

B. true reverence = surrender & obedience (Romans 12:1-2)