

# THE STONE OF WITNESS

Text: Joshua 24:22-28

Introduction:

A. What is a witness? If you were charged with a crime that you did not commit and went to court, you would want a witness to testify on your behalf. "One who has personal knowledge of something; something serving as evidence or proof." --Webster's Dictionary

B. In this message may we consider what this great stone was to the children of Israel.

## I. IT WAS A WITNESS TO THEIR DELIVERANCE. (Verse 5)

A. The cost of it. The Blood of Christ!

B. The change that takes place. (2 Corinthians 5:17) Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. <sup>18</sup>And all things *are* of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

C. Jesus made a change in me!

## II. IT WAS A WITNESS TO THEIR COMMITMENT. (Verse 23)

A. To live righteously. (Titus 2:12) Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

1. They put away their strange gods.

2. Many have strange gods today.

B. To serve God.

C. To obey God.

## III. IT WAS A WITNESS TO GOD'S WORD. (Verse 27)

A. That it is true. (2 Timothy 3:16) All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

B. Sin and Salvation. (Romans 6:23) For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C. God's long-suffering. (2 Peter 3:9) The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

D. Eternity. (Hebrews 9:27)

Conclusion:

- A. "Ye are witnesses against yourselves." (Verse 22)
- B. Are you saved?
- C. Are you living for Jesus?
- D. All are without excuse.