

*"That this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, 'What mean ye by these stones?' Then ye shall answer them, 'That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the Ark of the Covenant of the LORD; when It passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off:.' And These Stones Shall Be For A Memorial unto the children of Israel for ever." *Joshua 4:6-7 KJV**



The Jordan River flows south from the mountains to the Dead Sea, reminding us of The “Living Water” flowing from the “Rock of our Salvation,” God’s Word, to the dead souls of men. Twelve is also the biblical number of Heavenly Perfection. The Israelites took twelve stones from the river and placed them in a heap on the dry land as a witness to God’s perfect enabling power in the passage across Jordan. The twelve stones symbolize believer’s witness, no two alike, to the heavenly perfection of God’s Deliverance. We need memorials, practices or traditions in our lives to the time when God delivered us from sin. They need to be an obvious reminder to our children and those about us of God’s power and deliverance. Writing a word or two in the flyleaf of your Bible about your salvation will serve to remind generations of God’s relationship with you, but living obediently will etch you in memory! In addition to the twelve stones on the shore, the Israelites also placed twelve stones in the riverbed of the Jordan before the waters were released, symbolizing the hidden Power of God’s Word in us by the Holy Spirit. “*The Gospel of Christ...Is The Power of God unto Salvation to everyone that believeth. If our Gospel be hid it is hid to them that are lost.*” Men cannot see the intimate relationship we have with God which is why we must be visible memorials to God with our lives and practice, so that all may see and query, “*What mean ye by these stones.*” The stones provoked curiosity and gave opportunity to testify of God’s Mighty Power of Deliverance. Your faithful obedience to God’s Word is what will make the Gospel live for others. You cannot know about being in love until you are yourself, but you can see the evidence of it in others. Being in love with God is what being a “witness” is about. Hearsay is never admissible testimony. Showing the truth of your intimate relationship with God by your deeds is what convinces others, not talking about it. You cannot experience someone else’s intimate relationship, but their actions can make you desire one for yourself!

Deeds, giving creed to matchless Grace,  
Will any other speech replace,  
And when ‘tis done our faithful race,  
We will for aye behold His face! –CGP

We must bear the “stones” from our “Jordan” of deliverance upon the shoulders of our deeds to memorialize God’s Power in our lives. We must ever give witness and memorial to a dying world of God’s matchless Grace, Power, and Deliverance by our actions. “*And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His Commandments.*” Jesus Said, “*If ye love Me, keep My Commandments.*” God’s Word Reveals God to us and when we know Him, we will love Him! “*We love Him, because He First Loved us.*” Love for God empowers obedience! If you do not obey Him, you do not love Him!

*"But ye shall receive Power, after that the Holy Ghost Is Come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8 KJV*