

## 1 CORINTHIANS: LESSON 22

### Chapter 10: Baptism, Patterned by the Redeemed Nation of Israel

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In verses 1-4 Paul set forth the nation of Israel as an example of believers who went through the waters of baptism after they were redeemed out of bondage by the blood of a lamb. Thus, the pattern for baptism was established, which would carry over into the New Testament for the Christian.

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**Vs 1** The Israelite forefathers were “**under the cloud and in the sea.**” They were completely covered by the waters of the Red Sea as they passed through.

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**HEB. 11:28-29** Here, the order is established for repentance, salvation, and baptism. By faith:

1) **He kept the Passover.**

a. This requires repentance (turning from sin). They had to be willing to separate themselves from the ways and practices of Egypt.

2) **He kept...the sprinkling of blood.** (Relates to faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ).

a. They had to trust that the blood would save them from destruction.

3) **They passed through the Red Sea.** (Redeemed people being baptized).

a. Note that, from the beginning, baptism follows salvation (faith in the Lord and being washed in the blood).

i. Baptists have always rejected any form of baptism that came before faith and trust in the blood atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ.

1. Includes infant baptism.

2. Includes “baptismal regeneration” groups such as Church of Christ (Campbellites, water dogs) and Catholic sprinkling.

a. These forms of baptism serve absolutely no purpose.

a. Notice that the Israelites passed through the water, but it did not touch them. This points to the fact that the believer has passed through death, but death never touches the believer.

a. The believer goes through the death, burial, and resurrection in the person of the Lord Jesus.

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**ISA. 63:10-13** In this passage, Jesus Christ is “**The shepherd of his flock**” (vs 11) “**that led them through the deep**” (vs 13). So he goes before them, leading them through, but he is also “**the spiritual Rock that followed them**” (1 Cor. 10:4). He is the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the Ending (Rev. 1:8). He “**brought them up out of the sea**” (vs 11) so, they had to first go INTO the sea (It’s baptism by immersion all through the Bible).

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**MAT. 3:13-16** This passage proves that people are not saved by baptism. Jesus was baptized, and He certainly was not a sinner in need of salvation. Baptism is an act of obedience unto God. Jesus was baptized by emersion; He “**went up...out of the water**” (vs. 16).

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**MAT. 21:23-27** In this passage, Jesus established a precedence for us concerning baptism. Baptism is not a man-made practice. God is the one who established baptism; that's why John baptized people.

**JOHN 3:25-30** John said his baptism was from heaven. Jesus vouched for the character of John in Matthew 11:11. John wasn't lying.

**1 PET. 3:20-21** The example of Noah. Baptism is "**the answer of a good conscience toward God.**" By being baptized, you are revealing to others that you are confident your sins are put away, that the blood of the Lamb has redeemed you, and that you're saved and on your way to heaven. It has nothing to do with "**the putting away of the filth of the flesh**" (vs 21). What can wash away my sins? Certainly not water.

**EXOD. 14:19-30** The Israelites had put blood on the doorpost and then went through the water safely to the other side.

The Egyptians tried to go through the water without having FIRST applied the blood. They didn't make it to the other side. Trust the blood, not the water!

**ACTS 8:34-39** Philip was sent by God to the Ethiopian Eunuch to preach unto him Jesus (vs. 35) from the book of Isaiah. The eunuch wanted to be baptized (vs 36). Philip made sure of the eunuch's salvation first (vs 37, Romans 10:9-10). They both went in the water and Philip baptized the new believer (vs 38) by immersion. His baptism was the answer of a good conscience toward God.

**HEB 6:1-2** The "**doctrine of baptisms**" (plural) is one of the foundational doctrines.

**HEB 5:12-14** The doctrine of baptism is one of the "**first principles of the oracles of God**" and is referred to as milk.

**ROM. 6:1-4** You are "**baptized into Jesus Christ**" (vs 3) when you believe in Him. You are baptized into His death, burial, and resurrection. You are raised up to "**walk in newness of life.**" This baptism is spiritual; it takes place instantly upon your faith in Christ. You are completely submersed in the Holy Spirit, which enables you to live a godly life.

God was not well-pleased with the Israelites because they were redeemed by blood, baptized in the Red Sea, but then they didn't walk any differently than the Egyptians (type of the world). Paul rebuked the Corinthians for this same problem.

**1 COR. 12:12-13** You are baptized **into the body of Christ** by the Spirit of God, not by water. You must already be in the body of Christ before you get in the baptismal waters.

**EPH. 4:8-10** Jesus went down in death and then came up in resurrection.

**PSALM 42:7** This verse describes what the Lord Jesus suffered under the wrath of the Father. The description sounds like baptism.

### **Baptism and the Lord's Supper**

The two ordinances given to the New Testament church, though they both picture the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, they are painless to us because Jesus suffered all the pain for us.