

## Crossing Over to A New Life

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Joshua Ch 3&4

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- OT story of Israel is a picture of God's great plan of salvation 1 Cor 10:1-3; Heb 1:1-3
- WLC Q165 What is Baptism? A: Baptism is a sacrament of the New Testament, wherein Christ hath ordained the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, to be a sign and seal of ingrafting into himself, of remission of sins by his blood, and regeneration by his Spirit; of adoption, and resurrection unto everlasting life; and whereby the parties baptized are solemnly admitted into the visible church, and enter into an open and professed engagement to be wholly and only the Lord's.
- Key Text: Josh 4:23-24 > For God's glory!

### **God's People Cross over into a New Life**

- Red Sea - deliverance from bondage.  
Rm 6:1-11; 2 Cor 5:14; Col 2:11-12; Rm 7:4-5
- Wilderness - God led day & night & provided their needs, water, food to teach them to trust Him
- Jordan River - delivered into inheritance promised, God leads the way & goes with them.

### **We learn God is Sovereign in delivering His people**

- Jordan at flood stage - not crossable but God miraculously delivers. Josh 3:1-2;15
- Salvation (inheritance) is a gift from God Eph 2:1-9
- God leads us & will subdue our enemies Josh 3:9-10

### **What Baptism Signifies:**

- We've been delivered by God from bondage of sin (out of Egypt thru the Red Sea)
- God gives us His inheritance (thru the Jordan into the promised land)
- We're baptized by the Spirit 4:11 God's presence went with the people, God leads the way!

### **What is My Inheritance?**

- Now: life in the Church 1 Cor 12:13; Gal 4:4-7
- Upon death: life with God Jn 3:16; 2 Cor 5:1-8
- At Consummation: life in new heavens and new earth Rev 21:1-4

### **Baptism is a reminder like the Memorial Stones:**

- One man from every tribe told to be ready 3:12; 4:2-9
- Purpose of the stones: glorify God & remind people of God's work in their lives: Josh 4:20-24
- WSC Q94 What is Baptism? A: A: Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the washing with water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, doth signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord's

### **Old and New Signs of the Covenant:**

- God always gives signs and seals
- Circumcision > baptism. Passover > Lord's Supper
- Covenant signs & seals always point to God's work, not ours. They are to be reminders!

WLC Q 167 How is our Baptism to be improved by us? A: The needful but much neglected duty of improving our Baptism, is to be performed by us all our life long, especially in the time of temptation, and when we are present at the administration of it to others; by serious and thankful consideration of the nature of it, and of the ends for which Christ instituted it, the privileges and benefits conferred and sealed thereby, and our solemn vow made therein; by being humbled for our sinful defilement, our falling short of, and walking contrary to, the grace of baptism, and our engagements; by growing up to assurance of pardon of sin, and of all other blessings sealed to us in that sacrament; by drawing strength from the death and resurrection of Christ, into whom we are baptized, for the mortifying of sin, and quickening of grace; and by endeavouring to live by faith, to have our conversation in holiness and righteousness, as those that have therein given up their names to Christ; and to walk in brotherly love, as being baptized by the same Spirit into one body.