



Our Baptism (Exodus 14:13-22; 1 Corinthians 10:1-4)
Welcome to the Story pt. 4
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THE BIG IDEA

Through our baptism into Christ, the Red Sea crossing becomes our story. Like the Red Sea crossing, our baptism signifies God's work of redemption, it separates us as God's people, and it seals our transition from death to life.

OPENING

- Have you seen the 1956 film *The Ten Commandments* or the 1998 animated film *The Prince of Egypt*? If so, what do you remember about the Red Sea crossing from these films?

DIGGING DEEPER

- Read Exodus 14:13-14. What does God command Israel to do? What does God promise to do? Who is the primary actor in these verses? What are the implications of this for baptism?
- Reformed theologian Geoffrey Bromiley says, *"When we probe more deeply into the New Testament we find that baptism as the sign of the new covenant takes the place of circumcision as the sign of the old covenant. Even a cursory reading of the entire Bible shows clearly enough that the sacraments instituted by Christ, baptism and the Lord's Supper, correspond in a very striking way to the two covenantal signs of the Old Testament, the Lord's Supper to Passover and baptism to circumcision. The main difference...is evident at once and explains the replacement. For the earlier signs both involve the shedding of blood and point forward prophetically and typologically to the shedding of the blood of Christ...In contrast the new signs are without blood, for they now look back...to the one sacrifice for sins which has rendered all further shedding of blood unnecessary."*¹ What are the implications of this connection of baptism and communion to circumcision and Passover?

¹Geoffrey W. Bromiley, *Children of Promise* (Eerdmans Publishing, 1997), p. 17.

- Read Ephesians 4:4-6. What do you think Paul means when he says that there is only “one baptism”?
- In his commentary on Exodus, Peter Enns says, “Christian baptism is the process whereby we undergo our own Exodus, leaving this world and joining another way of life under Christ’s leadership and authority.”² How does 1 Corinthians 10:1-4 picture baptism and the Lord’s Supper? What does v. 5 warn?

PUTTING IT TO WORK

- Whenever we have baptisms at Glenkirk, we are encouraged to remember our own baptism. If you were baptized (as a baby or later), what do you know about your baptism or remember about it? When someone is baptized at Glenkirk, we ask them (or their parents) if they are committed to follow Jesus as his disciples. Spend time this week remembering your own baptism by thinking about your own commitment to discipleship.
- Whenever someone is baptized at Glenkirk, we ask our members to commit to helping those we baptize grow in their faith in Jesus. Spend time this week asking who God might be leading you to in order to help them grow in their faith.

PRAYER REQUESTS

²Peter Enns, *Exodus, NIV Application Commentary* (Zondervan, 2000), p. 287.