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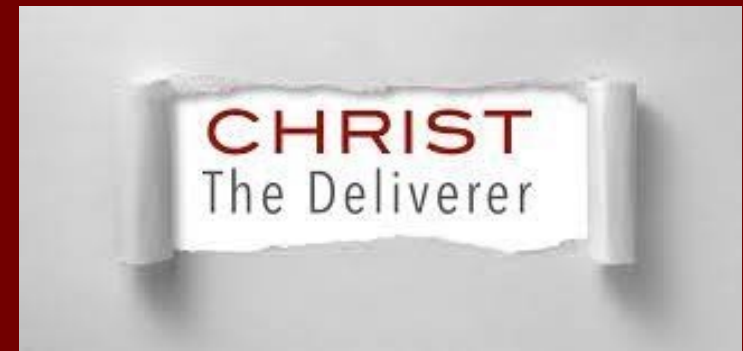
**From Fear
To Faith**

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...That We Would Not Carve Evil Things...

■ I Corinthians 10:1-6

- **Under the Cloud - Christ's leadership and guidance passing through the sea.**
- **Baptized – Submission to God through Moses / Christ.**
- **Spiritual Food & Drink – The manna and the Rock that produced water / Christ continually providing for His people.**



Lessons: Crossing the Red Sea

■ Exodus 14:1-4, 8, 10-31

- **Hardened** is translated from the Hebrew word meaning “to strengthen, be strong, be firm, be resolute”.
- **Israel saw the great power, they feared (revered) the Lord, they believed the Lord and in His servant Moses.**
- **Problem: Israel feared and believed the Lord, only, when they saw or witnessed the Lord’s power.**
 - **Exodus 4:31, Exodus 19:9**

What Can We Learn?

- **Is it possible that we might have the same problems they had?**
 - **Matthew 3:11-12**
 - **John the Baptist speaks of three different types of baptisms**
 - **Water for Repentance**
 - **With the Holy Spirit**
 - **With Fire**

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For Our Consideration: The children of Israel were indeed baptized in the sea (**I Corinthians 10:1-2**), and God swept their slavery away. They came up from the Red Sea singing for joy at the victory God gave them (**Exodus 15**). But they could never see past their physical needs and fleshly desires. Almost none of them ever received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and so, without genuine faith in God, they all died in the wilderness, never entering the Promised Land (**Hebrews 3:16-19**).

What Can We Learn?

■ Psalm 78:10-25, 40-42

- The problem with believing only in miracles is that we really don't believe in the individual behind the miracles.
- "...with most of them God was not well pleased.."



Avoid Israel's Mistakes

■ I Corinthians 10:7-12

- Avoid Israel's bad example of lusting after evil things
- Stand strong against temptation
- Take Heed that you do not fall...

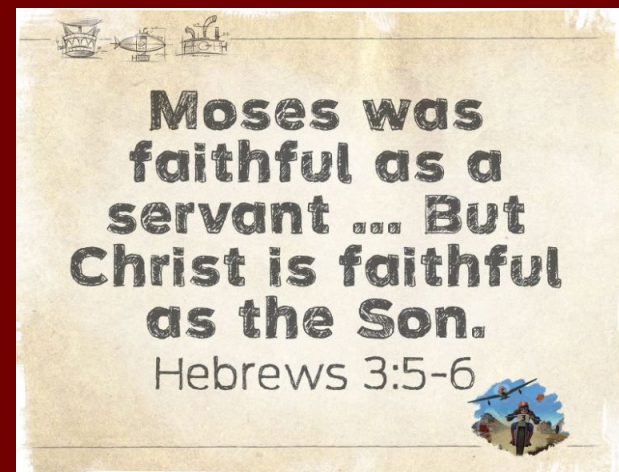


Motivation of Future Reality

■ Comparison of Moses and Jesus Christ

– Hebrews 3:1-6

And Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward, but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are [the main point] if we hold fast the confidence [implying our faith] and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.



Spiritual Applications for Our Consideration

■ Spiritual Context

– Revelation 14:1-5

- Prophecy of another people who will sing for joy at their redemption from the sins and slavery of this world. These 144,000 "firstfruits to God and to the Lamb," unlike the unfaithful Israelites, "follow the Lamb wherever He goes." These Christians, whose foreheads bear the Father's name, took their baptisms seriously, ridding themselves of faults to please their Redeemer.
- Is baptism a big deal to God? It is amazing to consider how few in all of history have been invited into fellowship with God, given His truth, and baptized into Christ's Body. Is that not worth singing about?