

Passing through the waters

The background of water baptism

Creation	Flood	Red Sea	Baptism
The chaotic waters, "the deep" covered the lifeless earth.	God released the waters to judge and destroy humanity.	The waters, Pharaoh and the Red Sea, sought to judge and destroy Israel.	The waters represent Satan, judgment, slavery to Sin and Death.
God acted to defeat the deep. He divided the waters and put boundaries on them.	God provided an ark for Noah and then sent the destructive waters away.	God defeated the waters. He divided the sea, making a path for Israel.	Through Jesus God delivers us from Satan, judgment, slavery to Sin and Death.
1. The chaos and darkness of the waters are left behind .	1. Noah left behind the old corrupt world of sin.	1. Israel left behind their old lives in Egypt.	1. We are leaving behind our old life through repentance.
2. The earth was set free from the waters - God brought the dry land up out of the waters.	2. Noah was set free from judgment and destruction. He passed over the waters unharmed.	2. Israel was set free from judgment and destruction. They went through the waters safely to the other side.	2. We are set free and forgiven . We can pass through the waters.
3. God formed life and breathed Spirit into Adam.	3. Noah received the sign of new life from a dove.	3. All Israel had a Spirit experience and rejoiced at new life .	3. We receive new life through the Spirit .
4. Adam and Eve began the human family/community .	4. Noah began a new humanity/community .	4. Israel became a new people , the people of God.	4. We are now a part of God's people , the church.
5. Adam and Eve received God's instructions .	5. Noah committed to do God's will , the Noahic covenant.	5. They committed to obey God .	5. We commit to follow Jesus .