

# Secure Through the Waters

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1. Our baptism corresponds to Noah's deliverance through the waters of judgment.
  - a. The baptism waters correspond to the flood waters.
  - b. Our deliverance from the water pictures our union with Christ in His resurrection.
2. Baptism visibly expresses repentance and faith.
  - a. It expresses that we have come to understand our true condition.
  - b. It expresses faith in the power of Christ to save.
3. Christ's ascension into heaven guarantees our salvation.
  - a. It demonstrates His power over all things.
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*First Peter*

*To God's Chosen Ones*

A wooden clothespin is clipped to a piece of light-colored twine that runs horizontally across the top of the image. The clothespin is positioned over a white rectangular card. The card is placed on a dark brown wooden surface with a visible grain. The text on the card is written in a blue, cursive font.

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# **A Review:**

Because of humanity's rebellion, Christ, through the ministry of Noah, announced judgment upon the earth and called the people of that time, whose spirits are now awaiting final judgment, to repentance.

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But the people continued to disobey as God exercised great patience during the construction of the ark. Only Noah and his family were rescued from the waters of judgment in the ark.



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# Big Idea:

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# What is “that”?

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A few were saved, but for most the flood waters were judgment and death.

The baptismal waters also represent judgment and death.

**Romans 6:3-4**

Or do you not know that all of us who  
have been baptized into Christ Jesus  
have been baptized into His death?  
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The flood waters destroyed the rebellious  
but lifted up the ark rescuing Noah  
and his family from destruction.



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Your baptism is a picture of your death, but it is also a picture of your deliverance.

# Baptism and Your Deliverance

*The baptism waters correspond to the flood waters.*

*Our deliverance from the water  
pictures our union with Christ  
in His resurrection.*

Just as Noah and his family were safe because they were in the ark, you and I are safe because we are in Christ, especially in His resurrection.

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### **Romans 6:3-5**

Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection.

If you died with Christ, you were also delivered from judgment and death with Him through His resurrection.

**Have you died with Christ?**



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You will not appeal to God for a good conscience unless you understand your need.

That you are a sinner deserving of death.

That you cannot cleanse yourself.

**Baptism illustrates your need.**

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Baptism is a visible expression of our belief that the work of Christ was accomplished, that our appeal has been answered.



Baptism is also a visible expression of our belief that His resurrection proved He has the power to deliver us from death.

*You won't go into the baptismal waters if you do not believe that you are coming out.*

**But how do you come out?**

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Everyone and everything, material and spiritual, has been subjected to Christ.

So what could possibly keep Him from saving you?

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If you are united to Christ,  
then He has already brought you  
into the presence of God.

# Conclusion:

Because you are united to Christ in His death and resurrection, something pictured by your baptism, you can be sure of your deliverance.

**Hebrews 7:25**

Consequently, *Christ* is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him....



Are you drawing near to God  
through Christ or through your own  
works of righteousness?