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The theme of our series focuses upon the various names and titles of the Lord Jesus Christ in the Word of God. Tonight, we begin looking at “*Jesus is the Rock.*” His appearance as “the Rock” is found in Ex. 17:1-7, and the Holy Spirit moves the Apostle Paul to write an epistle to the church in Corinth, and he is led to include and instruct them of the importance and application of this title. This evening we will endeavor to learn the same.

Israel was often referred to as a *congregation*, occurring 215 times in 94 verses in the Old Testament. The “Tabernacle of the Congregation” occurred 322 times in 141 verses. When we compare Scripture with Scripture, we learn that the word “church” is synonymous with “congregation.” When Psa. 22:22 is quoted in Heb. 2:12, the word *congregation* is equivalent to the word *church*:

Psa. 22:22 I will declare thy name unto my brethren:
in the midst of the congregation will I praise thee.

Heb. 2:12 Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren,
in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.

❖ When Stephen gave his historical testimony to the high priest and others, he connected Moses to “the church in the wilderness:”

Acts 7:37 This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear.

38 This is he, that was in **the church in the wilderness** with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and *with* our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:

39 To whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust *him* from them, and **in their hearts turned back again into Egypt,**

❖ In this epistle to the church in Corinth, the Holy Spirit moved the Apostle Paul to “connect the dots” in revealing the Lord Jesus Christ as “the Rock,” as well as identifying the Exodus account with baptism. Let’s observe the message.

I. THE ENLIGHTENMENT FROM THE PAST, 10:1-3

A. The Portrayal of Salvation, 10:1

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❖ The use of the word “all” indicates that the Israelites, along with the “mixed multitude” of Egyptians, shared the same experiences:

Ex. 12:38 And **a mixed multitude went up also with them;** and flocks, and herds, *even* very much cattle.

❖ Before the Red Sea encounter, the Israelites were delivered “by the blood” that was placed “...upon the two side posts and on the upper door posts of the houses...”

Ex. 12:7 And they shall take of the blood, and **strike it on the two side posts** and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it. ...

13 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye *are*: and **when I see the blood, I will pass over you,** and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, **when I smite the land of Egypt.**

❖ Salvation is pictured in the Passover regarding the necessity of blood shed for sins.

Rom. 3:25 Whom **God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood**, to declare his righteousness **for the remission of sins** that are past, through the forbearance of God;

Heb. 9:22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and **without shedding of blood is no remission.**

- ❖ After the picture of salvation, the Red Sea incident pictures baptism.
- ❖ At the Red Sea, water was on each side, and the cloud was over them, like a baptism.

Ex. 14:22 And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry *ground*: and **the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.**

Ex. 15:8 And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were gathered together, **the floods stood upright as an heap, and the depths were congealed in the heart of the sea.**



The Ten Commandments

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❖ Like the parting of the Red Sea waters, the Lord parts our sins far from us at salvation:

Psa. 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath **he removed our transgressions from us.**

B. The Participation of Separation, 10:2

1 Cor. 10:2 And were **all** baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;

❖ A baptism that is Scriptural is a public acknowledgement, identifying a believer with the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Rom. 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

4 Therefore **we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.**

- ❖ A proper candidate for baptism is one who has the following:
 - Proper subject – one who has repented of sin;
 - Proper authority – under the authority of a church;

- Proper mode – immersion;
- Proper motive – obedience in identifying with the Lord Jesus and His church.

❖ By identifying with being “baptized unto Moses,” the Israelites were separating from being identified with Egypt.

2 Cor. 6:14 **Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers:** for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in *them*; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

17 **Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord,** and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you,

C. The Provision of Satisfaction, 10:3-4a

1 Cor. 10:3 And did **all** eat the same **spiritual meat**;

4 “And did **all** drink the same **spiritual drink**...

- ❖ The Lord provided the spiritual sustenance that ALL of the Israelites needed.
- ❖ The Lord will supply all that believers need today:

Phil. 4:19 But **my God shall supply all your need** according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Psa. 23:1 **The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

II. THE EXPLANATION OF THE PHENOMENON, 10:4b-5

A. The Spiritual Rock, 10:4b “...for they drank of that **spiritual Rock** that followed them: and **that Rock was Christ.**”

❖ The “Rock” was the source of quenching thirst and providing perpetual satiation for Israel.

Heb. 13:5 *Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, **I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.***

B. The Shattered Reality, 10:5

1 Cor. 10:5 But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

❖ The warnings against worldliness are due to situations like this:

Acts 7:39 To whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust *him* from them, and **in their hearts turned back again into Egypt,**

- ❖ Disobedience and rejection by Israel was connected to worldly hearts of the mixed multitudes.
- ❖ The mixed multitude affected the Israelites with exaggerated “good times” of slavery.

Num. 11:4 And **the mixt multitude that was among them fell a lusting**: and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat?

5 We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlick:

6 But now our soul *is* dried away: **there is nothing at all, beside this manna**, *before* our eyes.

- ❖ When “believers” express rejection of God’s plan and substitute a desire after their own lusts, disaster will be imminent.
- ❖ Murmuring about “nothing at all, beside this manna” exhibits an unthankful and bitter attitude regarding God’s provisions.
- ❖ The Israelites loathed the manna, a type of the Bread of Life, the Lord Jesus Christ.
- ❖ The Lord Jesus is both “the Rock” and “the Bread of Life.” He is the “spiritual meat” and “the spiritual drink” need for all mankind today!

Conclusion

Jn. 6:35 And **Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life:** he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and **he that believeth on me shall never thirst...**

41 The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven. ...

48 **I am that bread of life.**

49 **Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.**

50 **This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.**

51 **I am the living bread which came down from heaven:** if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.