



Middle School & High School Sunday School Lesson-5

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THE CHURCH OF CHRIST OF THE APOSTOLIC FAITH



Out of Egypt

(Unit II Aim)

Saved: From
Condemned to
Prince

Exiled:
From
Prince to
Outcast

Just as Moses was called out of Egypt to become a patriarch of the faith, we have been called “out of darkness into His marvelous light” to become sons and daughters of Jesus Christ. **(1 Peter 2:9)**



Called: From
Outcast to
Prophet

Called: From Prophet to
Patriarch

Saved: From Condemned to Prince

Bible Point:

Just as God delivered Moses from death by the same river that was intended to destroy him, the new birth elevates us from condemnation to salvation.



Scriptures

Exodus 1:22-2:10

Matthew 16:18

I Peter 2:9



Moses

What do you know about the story of Moses?

- Moses was condemned to die as a baby.
- Moses found salvation in the Nile River.
- Moses found new life as a prince in Pharaoh's palace.



Ecclesia—The Church

- What do you think of first when you hear the word church?
- We often think of church as
 - a building,
 - a worship service, or
 - perhaps an organization.
- Interestingly, though, when we see the word church in the Bible, it translates very differently than how we understand it today.
- **Read Matthew 16:18.**
- The word church here is *ecclesia*, which means a people called out from their homes into an assembly.
- In other words, the church is not an organization; it is an organism.
- **Read I Peter 2:9.**



A Journey



- We can see a portrait of this “calling out” in the Old Testament in the nation of Israel. Their journey from Egypt to the Promised Land serves as a type (representation) of our journey from sin to sanctification.
- **Egypt, in the Old Testament, represents sin.**
 - In Egypt, the Israelites could not live the way they were supposed to live; they could not worship the way they were supposed to worship.
 - They were not free; they were in bondage to their enemy; Israel needed a savior.
- Moses, in this journey, represents our path to become what God is calling us to be.
 - Moses had to recognize he was in bondage, and he had to choose to be free. He had to disconnect from his former life.
 - Moses had to embrace his call to lead others out of bondage as well. He had to learn to follow the leading of the Spirit.
- In this series we will study the life of Moses. Through each phase of his life, we will find practical applications for our own journey “out of Egypt.” We see Moses grow from: condemned to prince, prince to outcast, outcast to prophet, and prophet to patriarch.
- We will begin by examining Moses’ journey from condemned to prince.



An Evil Edict



- *Read Exodus 1:22–2:10.*
- Although Joseph and his brothers enjoyed favor under the pharaoh who ruled Egypt during their lifetime, the next generation did not have the same experience. A new pharaoh came into power who did not know Joseph and all the ways he was a blessing to Egypt.
- This new pharaoh observed the might of the Israelite nation and became fearful. He turned the Israelites into slaves and required them to do hard work. Still, somehow, the Israelites continued to thrive.
- Concerned that Israel would continue to increase in number and someday overthrow Egypt, this pharaoh decided drastic measures were required. He commanded the Hebrew midwives to kill every Hebrew boy who was born.
- Fearing God, the midwives refused the order. Determined to eradicate the Jews, the pharaoh took more drastic measures. He ordered his army to hunt down all the baby boys of Israel and throw them into the Nile River to drown.

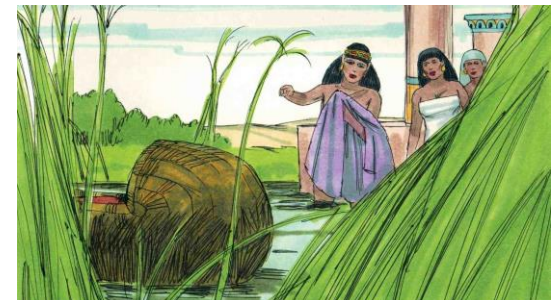
A Defiant Decision

- Moses' parents (and probably many others) fought hard to hide their baby boy from the clutches of Pharaoh's army. When Moses was first born, this was rather easy. However, as he grew his parents realized they could not hide him forever.
- They began to hatch a plan. It was crazy, but they did not know of any other possible option.
- Moses' parents took a basket and, using pitch, fashioned it into a small ark. With the vessel watertight, they loaded up their precious baby and placed him in the Nile River.
- **Placing Moses in the Nile River was a tremendous act of faith**; his parents had absolutely no guarantee this would work out. They simply had faith in God, believing if they gave Him an opportunity, He could save their baby.

Decision time...

A River Redemption

- Moses' basket floated until it reached Pharaoh's daughter, who had come to the river to bathe.
- Upon seeing the child, her heart melted with pity. She did not want to see the child destroyed. Moses' sister, Miriam, who was strategically positioned nearby, volunteered to find a Hebrew nurse for the boy. Of course, she brought back Jochebed, Moses' mother.
- Pharaoh's daughter even paid Moses' mother a nurse's wages to raise her own son. God worked this out in a way that was beyond anyone's wildest dreams.
- Ironically, **Moses was saved by the same water that was supposed to destroy him.**
- Originally condemned to die, Moses instead was raised as a prince in Pharaoh's palace.



Doomed to Death

- Like Moses, we too find ourselves doomed. Moses was doomed physically, but we are doomed spiritually.
- **Read Romans 3:23; 6:23.**
- As humans our actions are unrighteous. **Every attempt we make to be right before God is meaningless.** We do not have the ability to be right under our own power. The rightful consequences of our sins are spiritual death and eternal punishment.
- Despite this, though, Jesus does not desire for us to die. Instead, He made a way of escape for us. He has presented us with the gift of eternal life, which was made possible by His death, burial, and resurrection.
- How do we access this gift?

Repentance

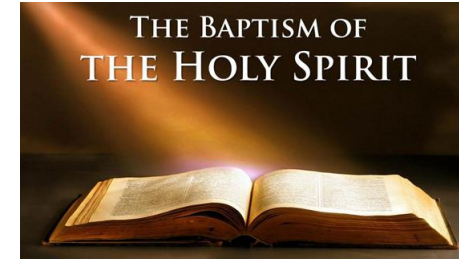


- First, we must make a conscious decision to turn away from our sin. **The Bible refers to this decision as repentance.**
- Repentance, essentially, is deciding I am tired of living to please myself; I want to live to please God.
- Notice we refer to repentance as a decision. It is not: just emotion, feeling bad, or being sorry for doing something wrong.
- We can feel sorry but choose not to change.
- Repentance is turning and going the other way, even when we find it difficult.

Water Baptism

- Just as Moses was essentially saved by the water of the Nile River as his ark floated along, similarly we are saved by the waters of baptism.
- **Read I Peter 3:20–21.**
- **Baptism is how we make a covenant with Jesus Christ to follow Him.** Every example of baptism in the Book of Acts includes immersion in the name of Jesus. (See Acts 2; 8; 10; 19.)
- If you have repented of your sins, but you have not been baptized in Jesus' name, you need to make the decision to be baptized today.





Spirit Baptism

- When Moses was pulled out of the water, he was granted a new life. No longer was he condemned; he was now a prince.
- Similarly, **when we receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, we become a new creation in Jesus Christ.**
- **Read II Corinthians 5:17.**
- The Holy Spirit transforms us and gives us the power to become what Jesus wants us to be.
- The baptism of the Holy Spirit is miraculous. As with every other miracle, receiving the Holy Ghost has an accompanying sign—you will speak in a language you have never learned before (speaking in tongues).

You Must Be Born Again

- Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. He is the only way to salvation.
- Perhaps you have heard of other methods for securing salvation, but the Bible shows us we must be born again. (See John 3:1–5.)
- If you desire to move from condemned to prince, submit to the call of Scripture to be baptized in water and Spirit.



SALVATION

Have you ever heard the saying, “what doesn’t kill you makes you stronger”? The idea behind the saying is that overcoming difficult circumstances prepares us to handle future problems. Moses should have drowned in the Nile River, but instead the Nile eventually carried him to safety. He found salvation.

Salvation is the greatest strength we can ever experience. Repentance gives us the power to choose a different course of action. Baptism gives us the power to commit ourselves completely to Jesus. The Holy Spirit gives us the power to overcome our own natural instincts so we can live out those commitments. The new birth can seem like a strange and intimidating experience, but it is really a miracle-moving from spiritual death to spiritual life. **If you have not received that miracle, today would be a great day to do so.**

The Nile River was supposed to be death for Moses, but it ended up bringing life. Jesus’ desire is for everyone to find life through Him.

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