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1 Corinthians 10:1-4

**Do Not Be Ignorant
Learn From the Exodus Generation**

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Learn From Israel's History

1 Corinthians 10:1 (LEB)
For I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, that our fathers were **all** **under the cloud** and **all** went **through the sea**,

- The cloud and sea: Exodus 14:19-22
- "All" is found 5 times in 1 Cor. 10:1-4
- All believed as well: Exodus 14:31
- Most did not persevere to receive the prize

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Baptism and a People

1 Corinthians 10:2 (LEB)
And **all** were **baptized into Moses** in the cloud and in the sea

- There is an analogy with being baptized into Christ (Galatians 3:17; Romans 6:3)
- Being baptized into Moses created a covenant community with shared gifts
- Some look here to find sacramentalism and infant baptism but they miss the point

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The Manna Was God's Provision for All Who Came Out of Egypt

1 Corinthians 10:3 (LEB)
And **all** ate the same spiritual food

- 'Spiritual' does not mean 'immaterial' but God's supernatural provision
- This reference is not to one of the elements of the Lord's Supper but manna

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Water From the Rock

1 Corinthians 10:4 (LEB)
and **all** drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and **the rock was Christ**.

- The spiritual drink was the supernatural provision of water from the rock
- These references to the wilderness Israelites are given as a warning
- We must not despise God's provision to all

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Implications and Applications

- We must know the events of Exodus which provide important examples for believers
- God still redeems slaves and makes them into a people for His possession

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Going by Sight Led to Ingratitude

Exodus 14:10b-11 (NASB)

the sons of Israel **looked, and behold**, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they became very frightened; so the sons of Israel cried out to the LORD. Then they said to Moses, "Is it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? **Why have you dealt with us in this way, bringing us out of Egypt?**

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Looking Back Caused Unbelief Which Doubted God's Promises

Exodus 14:12 (NASB)

Is this not the word that we spoke to you in Egypt, saying, 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? **For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.**

- God had passed over the Israelites (Ex. 12:23)
- God keeps His promises (Ex. 6:8)

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The Cloud and the Sea

Exodus 14:19, 22 (NASB)

The angel of God, who had been going before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and **the pillar of cloud** moved from before them and stood behind them....**The sons of Israel went through the midst of the sea** on the dry land, and the waters were like a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

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God Saved and They Believed

Exodus 14:30-31 (NASB)

Thus **the LORD saved Israel that day** from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. When Israel saw the great power which the LORD had used against the Egyptians, **the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD** and in His servant Moses.

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Grace Appeared in Christ

Titus 2:11-12 (ESV)

For **the grace of God has appeared**, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age,

- Titus 2:11, 12 & 14 are about the 1st coming
- Titus 2:13 is about the 2nd coming

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Redeemed People Waiting for the Blessed Hope

Titus 2:13-14 (ESV)

waiting for our blessed hope, **the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ**, who gave himself for us to **redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession** who are zealous for good works.

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