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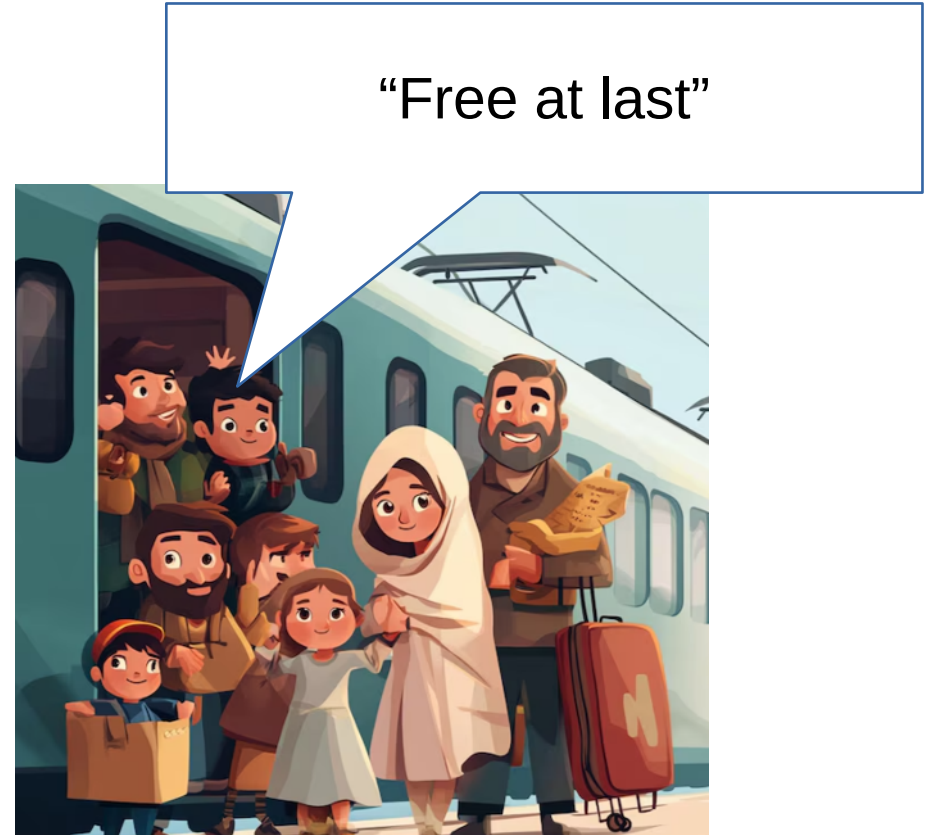
CHRISTIAN BAPTISM



IT REPRESENTS A DEPARTURE

EXODUS which literally means going out onto a new path, escaping, leaving.

1Co 10:1 Now I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, of the fact that all of our ancestors who left Egypt were under the cloud. They all went through the sea, and they all were immersed into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. In the cloud and in the sea they were all baptized as followers of Moses.





Drowning?

What can baptism
mean for me?
What will it change?

IT REPRESENTS A NEW CREATION

OUT OF  IN TO

Rom 6:1-3 So what do we do? Keep on sinning so God can keep on forgiving?

I should hope not! If we've left the country where sin is sovereign, how can we still live in our old house there?

Or didn't you realize we packed up and left there for good? That is what happened in baptism. When we went under the water, we left the old country of sin behind; when we came up out of the water, we entered into the new country of grace—a new life in a new land! That's what baptism into the life of Jesus means.



re-dressing

Galatians 3:27 Your baptism in Christ was not just washing you up for a fresh start. It also involved dressing you in an adult faith wardrobe—Christ's life, the fulfilment of God's original promise. (The Message)

The washing is easy, it's the getting dressed afterwards that is the most difficult

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HEAVENS TORN OPEN

