

# **“The Line That Divides”**

## **John 3:1-5**

### Introduction

- I. In nature there are boundaries separating areas from one another.
- II. One of the most utilized separators is water.
- III. God has used water time after time to separate.
  - A. Water separated the old world from the new world (Gen. 6:9; 1 Pet 3:21).
  - B. Water separated bondage from freedom (Exo. 14:1-30).
  - C. Water separated leprosy from cured (2 Kings 5:1-14).
  - D. Water separated blindness from sight (John 9:1-6).
  - E. Water separates the world from the church (John 3:1-5).

### Discussion

- I. Water separated the old world from the new world (Gen. 6:9).
  - A. On one side of the flood, the old world was wicked and sinful.
  - B. On the other side of the flood safety and salvation (1 Pet. 3:20-21; Heb. 11:7; 2 Pet. 2:5; Matt. 24:37-39).
- II. Water separated bondage from freedom (Exo. 14:1-30).
  - A. Before crossing the Red Sea, the Israelites were still “in enemy territory” (Exo. 14:1-28).
  - B. By crossing, the Israelites obtained freedom (Exo. 14:29-30; Heb. 11:29).
- III. Water separated leprosy from cured (2 Kings 5:1-14).
  - A. It was simple, dip seven times in the Jordan River and be cured.
  - B. Naaman came close to refusing to cross the line.
- IV. Water separated blindness from sight (John 9:1-6).
  - A. Before washing, there was blindness.
  - B. After washing, there was sight.
- V. Water separates the world from the church (John 3:1-5).
  - A. Before baptism, men are lost in the world (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:3-4; Acts 2:47).
  - B. After baptism, one is a member of the kingdom (Col. 1:13; 1 John 3:10).

### Conclusion

- I. On which side of the line do we find ourselves.
- II. It is our choice to stay lost or obtain salvation.