

Joshua 3 • The Second Crossing

1. (v.1-5) New believers find that they are going to be led to a **new** life in a **new** way, for which they must prepare themselves by the working of God's **Word**. A special working of God requires a special **preparation**.
2. (v.6-8) It is not only individual believers or the Church as a whole who must follow **Christ** the **Word**, but the Church must be led by ministers leading by the example of His **Word**.
3. (v.9-13) It is God's Word which goes before us and provides the right **path**. And it is by God's Word we can deal with all the worldly **influences** which attempt to **undermine** that very Word in our life.
4. (v.14-17) The most intimidating and impossible **obstacles** of the world are **overcome** by faith and obedience to God's **Word**.

Overall Application:

That which began in the first crossing, where **Christ** as the pillar of cloud and fire revealed the way to an initial act of **salvation**, further represented by **baptism** out of the old life represented by **Egypt**, is completed by the second crossing where **Christ** the Word guides us into His **inheritance** by our daily pursuit of **sanctification** in order to defeat the world and its attempt to draw us back into the **old life**.