

Lesson Sixteen

What Does the Bible Teach Concerning Holy Baptism?

1. What is a Sacrament? (*the classic historic/liturgical definition*)
 - a) instituted or established by God in His Word
 - b) A material connected with it (i.e. bread, wine, water).
 - c) Therein is offered and sealed the forgiveness of sins earned by Christ.
2. How many Sacraments are there? –in the non-Roman Catholic Historic Liturgical Churches.
Two (in the Lutheran Church): Baptism and the Lord's Supper
3. What does the word "baptize" mean?
Matthew 3:11 Baptidzow means to wash, to clean. It is an action word.
The word baptize does not only mean "to immerse." It also means "to wash" (Luke 11:38; Mark 7:4) and "to pour" (Acts 2:17,18).
Matthew 28:19 For all nations.
4. Who instituted Holy Baptism?
Matthew 28:19 Jesus. True God.
5. Who should be Baptized?
Matthew 28:19 All nations (including infants – this is addressed later in this lesson).
6. What are the two parts of Baptism?
 - a) The Act of Baptism in the name of the Triune God.
 - b) Teaching follow-up for Children and continued for Adults.
7. Should little children also be Baptized?
Matthew 28:19 all inclusive statement.
Acts 2:38, 39 the promise if for you and for your children.
Psalm 51:5 all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Rom 3:23).
Ephesians 2:8 not by works, but by faith.
John 3:5, 6 must be born again includes little children.
Mark 10:13-16 to enter God's kingdom calls for the trust / faith of a child.
If there is a certain baptism it is that of a child who is not questioning the dynamics of water and word.

Matthew 18:6 Infants can also believe. How great God's love is that He has also provided a way for infants and those who will never develop the logic to "understand" also to come into His kingdom. Who of you understands enough to come on your own?

8. What is the benefit of Holy Baptism?

Galatians 3:26, 27 brings us together in Christ, Clothes us in Christ.

Acts 22:16 Forgiveness of Sins.

1 Peter 3:21 Baptism now Saves.

9. How can water do such great things?

Ephesians 5:25,26 Because of Christ's Death and Resurrection.

Mark 16:16 Because of God's command and because of God's promise.

10. What daily use should we make of our Baptism?

Romans 6:4 Remember it daily, as you grow in familiarity with Justification.

Galatians 3:26, 27 to live in faith is to be clothed in Christ.

11. Who is to administer Baptism?

1 Corinthians 4:1 Normally it is a pastor but in an emergency any Christian may do so in the name of the Triune God. "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!"

12. What is the purpose of sponsors?

For infant baptism especially as they are lifted up in prayer and raise in the Word. For adults, to pray for them and walk with them as they grow in their discipleship.

Review

What are the sacraments? Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Why is marriage not a sacrament as in the Catholic system? Marriage is not a command and there is no promise of forgiveness from the cross attached to it. Also there is no visible element.

Babies should be Baptized because . . .

- a) we are commanded to baptize all nations which include children.
- b) promised forgiveness for every member of the family, including children.
- c) all people need forgiveness: in fact, to suggest that God's grace cannot be extended to an infant presupposes that only those with developed cognitive abilities can be included in the kingdom of God.

True/False

- 1) F Only pastors can baptize.
- 2) F We must be baptized by immersion.
- 3) T Baptism offers the forgiveness of sins.
- 4) F The Apostles of Jesus instituted Holy Baptism.
- 5) T Our baptism helps us every day.