



2. We are given the Holy Spirit

3. We are made heirs of eternal life.

Whose children do we become when we are baptized? God's

As mentioned above, a sacrament has a visible element and is commanded by God in the Bible. Look up Matthew 28:18-20.

What does this passage say we are to do? go into the world, baptize, and teach

When we baptize, we do so in the name of the Father and of the

Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Who told us to do it this way? Jesus

God has given us a very special gift. It is the gift of His grace. This grace is what baptism is all about.

What is God's grace? Undeserved goodness and mercy

Does God's grace include forgiveness? yes

Baptism is a way God's grace comes to us. We, individually, receive forgiveness of sins.

The word "baptize" means to wash something or someone. There are three methods of baptizing. See if you can determine what these might be.

1. Sprinkle

2. pour

3. immerse

Who can baptize another person? any Christian

Who normally baptizes people? The pastor

Who should be baptized? (Refer to Matthew 28:19-20) everyone  
all nations.

Are children included in "all nations"? yes

Read Acts 2:38,39. Is the promise for children? Yes

Not every church baptizes infants. Some say that children must first have faith, then they should be baptized. Some say that children are not filled with sin and do not need baptism. Let's see what the Bible says about these things.

Are infants sinners? Yes

Look up Ephesians 2:3. What are we by nature? objects of wrath

We have our nature when we are born. So we are sinners when we are born. This nature

of ours is original sin. We are born with it.

Does Jesus want little children to be with him or is He only interested in people when they are "old enough" to understand what faith is?

Look up Mark 10:14-15. What does this verse say (in your own words)?

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How do little children receive God's kingdom? Totally by God's grace. What other way is there for children to be in God's grace? The Bible does not indicate any other way.

What does the baby or the adult receive from their baptism?

1. forgiveness of sins.
2. deliverance from evil and death
3. eternal salvation or entrance into God's kingdom

When we are baptized in the name of God, are we baptized by man or by God?

by God

Read Luke 23:39-43. Is baptism absolutely necessary for salvation? No

This case represents an unusual circumstance where faith comes yet the person does before there is opportunity for baptism to occur. This is not a normal situation. Remember, God instituted baptism as a means of grace – a way by which He comes to us and washes us clean from our sins.

There is one thing that condemns a person. Look up Mark 16:16.

What condemns a person? Lack of faith

What saves a person? Faith and baptism

Baptism is an event and it is also a process. How long do you think this process goes on?

throughout life

Luther says that each day we must destroy the old Adam. The Bible speaks of an old (first) Adam and a new (last) Adam. Read I Corinthians 15:45.

Who is the old Adam? Adam of the Garden of Eden

Who is the new Adam? Jesus

In terms of our spiritual lives, what does the old Adam represent?

sin and evil

So, how do we destroy this old Adam? by sorrow and repentance which leads to faith

Whose children must we live as? God's

How do we do this? obeying, studying, learning, being humble (faith, prayer, word, ministry)

The gifts and blessings of our baptism should last for how long? through eternity