

# Washed Clean

## Baptism Lesson 16

This lesson and the next deal with the sacraments. In the Lutheran Church two sacraments are recognized. What are the two sacraments?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Sacraments have two parts.

A. \_\_\_\_\_ B. \_\_\_\_\_

What does the word “visible” mean? \_\_\_\_\_

What then is the visible part of baptism? \_\_\_\_\_

The invisible part of the sacrament is that the sacrament is included in the word of God and it is commanded by God. In other words, in the Bible God tells us to do these things.

Look on page 197 in *Luther’s small Catechism*. Three qualities of a sacrament are listed there.

What is the first? \_\_\_\_\_

What does this mean? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the second part? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the third? \_\_\_\_\_

### Baptism

The rest of this lesson will be a study of the sacrament of baptism. To begin, there are several things that happen when we are baptized.

1. We are made members of the body of \_\_\_\_\_

2. We are given the \_\_\_\_\_

3. We are made heirs of \_\_\_\_\_ life.

Whose children do we become when we are baptized? \_\_\_\_\_

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? \_\_\_\_\_

When we baptize, we do so in the name of the \_\_\_\_\_ and of the \_\_\_\_\_ and of the \_\_\_\_\_

Who told us to do it this way? \_\_\_\_\_

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? \_\_\_\_\_

Does God's grace include forgiveness? \_\_\_\_\_

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. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

Who can baptize another person? \_\_\_\_\_

Who normally baptizes people? \_\_\_\_\_

Who should be baptized? (Refer to Matthew 28:19-20) \_\_\_\_\_

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Are children included in "all nations"? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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? \_\_\_\_\_

Look up Ephesians 2:3. What are we by nature? \_\_\_\_\_

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. \_\_\_\_\_ of sins.
2. deliverance from evil and \_\_\_\_\_
3. eternal \_\_\_\_\_ or entrance into God's \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Read Luke 23:39-43. Is baptism absolutely necessary for salvation? \_\_\_\_\_

This case represents an unusual circumstance where faith comes yet the person dies before there is an 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? \_\_\_\_\_

What saves a person? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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? \_\_\_\_\_

Who is the new Adam? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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So, how do we destroy this old Adam? \_\_\_\_\_

Whose children must we live as? \_\_\_\_\_

How do we do this? \_\_\_\_\_

The gifts and blessings of our baptism should last for how long? \_\_\_\_\_