

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Lesson C1

What is Baptism?

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's Word.

Which is that word of God?

*Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."
[Matthew 28:19]*

1. What is the greatest change that has taken place in your life?

Today we are going to look at the greatest change that has taken place in the lives of all God's people. This change took place in your baptism.

2. The three qualities or characteristics of a sacrament in the Lutheran church are?

1) _____ Matthew ____:_____

2) _____ Visible Element _____

3) _____

3. Given the above definition, Lutherans believe and teach that there are 2 sacraments?

a) Why isn't marriage a sacrament?

b) Why isn't confirmation a sacrament?

c) Why isn't confession a sacrament?

The word, **Baptize** means to apply water by immersing, washing, pouring, and the like. Some people insist that this word must mean immerse. This is certainly one of the meaning, but it is unlikely that people at the time of Jesus immersed themselves and their tables, cups, pitchers, and kettles under water each time they "washed."

4. Listed below are some verses where the Greek word for *baptize* is translated wash.

a. *Hebrew 9:10—They are only a matter of food and drink and various ceremonial washings—eternal regulations applying until the time of the new order.*

b. *Mark 7:4—When they (the Pharisees) come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing (baptizing) of cups, pitcher, and kettles.*

5. Based on Matthew 28:19 who instituted Christian Baptism? _____

*When a child is adopted, the child is given a new name and a new family.
When we are baptized "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"
God places his name on us and brings us his family!*

6. Normally pastors perform the rite of baptism. Why do you think this is a good idea?

7. **T F** In the case of an emergency, any Christian can baptize.

8. How would you baptize someone?

9. Based on Matthew 28 who is to be baptized?

10. What distinction is to be made in baptizing?

a. Adults: (Acts 8:26-39) _____ then _____.

b. Little children (Mark 10:13-15) _____ then _____.

11. According to the verses below, "Why are babies to be baptized?"

a. Matthew 28:19 Babies are a part of _____.

b. Luke 18:15-17 Jesus especially invites the little children to _____.

c. John 3:5-6, Psalm 51:5 As _____ they need what baptism offers.

d. Matthew 18:6 They too can _____.

12. Why does the church encourage the use of sponsors at Baptisms?

a. Sponsors _____ that those who receive this sacrament have been properly baptized

b. Sponsors also _____ for the person being baptized

c. Sponsors help with their _____ upbringing

13. Who are your sponsors?

14. What are some ways your family can celebrate baptism birthdays?

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