

Lesson C2 - The Blessings of Baptism

Students – Ask your parents these questions before Confirmation Class

Remembering your Baptism

- On what day were you baptized?
- Who were your sponsors?
- Were you a cooperative or a fussy baby on that day?
- How can you celebrate your baptism every day?

What benefits does Baptism give?

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

Which are these words and promises of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.” Mark 16:16

Talk about these questions as a class:

1. What was the greatest birthday gift you have ever received?
2. Who gave it to you?
3. What made it great?
4. Do you still have it?

Today we are going to talk about the greatest gift God has ever given you.

5. What does God give to each one of his children in the waters of Holy Baptism?

- a. Baptism gives _____ see Acts 2:38 and Acts 22:16
- b. Rescues from _____ and _____

See Romans 6:3,5—Gal. 3:27, Col. 1:13-14—

- c. Gives _____ see Mark 16:16, Peter 3:21 and Titus 3:5.
6. If Christ has already won forgiveness and salvation for us and gives us all this by grace alone, why do we still need baptism?
- a. Baptism is a _____ of grace.

b. Definition of grace

- a. G _____
- b. R _____
- c. A _____
- d. C _____
- e. E _____

c. Definition of "Means" _____

- 7. According to Mark 16:16, to whom does baptism give all these blessing? _____
- 8. Who does not receive these blessings? _____
- 9. Can you lose these blessings? _____
- 10. Read Luke 23: 39-43 and Mark 16:16, is it possible for an un-baptized person to be saved?
_____ Why or why not? _____

- 11. Why are we not necessary to seek a "baptism with the Holy Spirit" in addition to the Sacrament of the Holy Baptism? See Ephesians. 4:5.

There is only _____ baptism. In this baptism we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Digging into God's Word

Read Colossians 2:12-13 and answer the questions below:

- 1. Are all of your sins forgiven through Baptism?
- 2. What about those sins we have committed since our baptism?
- 3. What reasons do these verses give us for being glad that we have been baptized?

Now read Galatians 3:26-27 and write down your responses to the following questions:

- 4. What happens when people adopt a baby?
- 5. Why can baptism be called an adoption ceremony?
- 6. Why is being adopted by God a great blessing?