



Trinity Bible Project Week 43

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What Baptism Indicates

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Baptism provides the remedy for our sinful state; all those sins which we have inherited from our parents as well as all the sins that we have committed in the flesh. Baptism gives blessings beyond our imagination in the full and free forgiveness of sins as God pours out His Holy Spirit into our hearts and provides to us with eternal life! All of this is done through His powerful Word which can speak creation into existence and claim us as His own children. This blessed gift from God should be put on each day, just as a garment. Daily we put on Christ and confess that we need Him for any and all good. We repent of sinfulness and drown the old sinful nature in the rich grace of God. As we emerge from this sacred gift, God’s Spirit works righteousness and purity in us so that we are free to live the life that we have been called to as God’s children! Baptism indicates our salvation and good works flow from it as we daily “*put on the newself, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness*” (Eph 4:24). The Christian must daily recall the promises given in baptism in practical ways, just as Luther invites us to. As habitual as putting on clothes each morning, we daily repent of sins and recall that through the waters of baptism we are made new in Christ Jesus and free to live as the new creations that we are (2 Cor 5:17)!

Getting Started (10 min/week): Discuss ways that your family could actively remember your baptism (celebrate your baptism birthday, make the sign of the cross each morning and night, or some other way).

Growing Deeper (10 min/day): Read through catechism questions 319-324.

Leading Well In your small group, discuss the following: Why is baptism the place we point to for confirmation of eternal life? Do we use baptism daily to provide comfort and support amid Satan’s attacks? What practical way can we be diligent to drown our old sinful nature each day?

Weekly Readings: Sunday, Acts 7-8; Monday, Deuteronomy 1-3; Tuesday, 2 Chronicles 21-24; Wednesday, Psalms 120-121; Thursday, Proverbs 31; Friday, Nahum; Saturday, Hebrews 11-13



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"We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers."
1st Thessalonians 1:2

His Story

"Remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you"
1st Thessalonians 1:3-4

Your Story

"Our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake...but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere." 1st Thessalonians 1:5,8

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