

INFANT BAPTISM



In the Lutheran church, we believe that Baptism is _____ work, and we baptize infants

Some churches think that Baptism is _____ work

These churches do not baptize infants. Instead, Baptism is a work that we do to demonstrate our faith in Jesus.

What does the Bible teach?

These are the gifts that Baptism gives:

The _____ of sins

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:38)

Union with Christ's _____ and _____



Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. (Romans 6:3-4)



Salvation

Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 3:21)

Regeneration (Being born again)

Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. (John 3:5)

Cleansing from _____

And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name. (Acts 22:16)

In each of these verses, who is the one working? God, or man?

Who is Baptism for?

If Baptism gives the forgiveness of sins, then all _____ need to be baptized.

Are infants sinners? (Circle the answer)

Yes

No

Look up Psalm 51:5. How does this address the question of whether or not infants are sinners?



In Matthew 28:19, Jesus says that Baptism is for all _____

Do _____ include infants? _____

According to Paul, Baptism is a fulfillment of _____
(Colossians 2:11-12)

Circumcision was given to fathers and to their _____

Does the Bible ever say that even though children were included in the Old Testament promises, that they are not included in them today? _____

Household Baptisms

God's promises in Baptism are for believers and for their _____

For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself. (Acts 2:39)

When people in the New Testament are baptized, their children also receive Baptism.

Examples include:

- Lydia (Acts 16:5)
- The Philippian jailor (Acts 16:33-34)
- Stephanus (1 Corinthians 1:16)
- Cornelius (Acts 11:14)

Infant Faith

Some people argue that infants shouldn't be baptized because they can't believe.

What do the Scriptures say?



John the Baptist _____ in the womb (Luke 1:41)

In Psalm 22:9-10, David confesses that he has had faith in God since he was

The writer of Psalm 71 says that he believed in God before _____ (Psalm 71:5-6)

Jesus also praises the faith of _____ who are brought to him, and he says that they are members of the

_____ (Luke 18:15-17)