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HOLY BAPTISM

What is a Sacrament?

It is a sacred _____
It is _____ by God.
It uses _____ elements.
It offers _____ of sins.

What are the Means of Grace?

_____ in _____ and _____

1. At what times in your life have the sacraments been important to you?

THE PROMISE IN BAPTISM

Matthew 28:19

Therefore go and gather disciples from all nations by baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

2 Tell about a memorable Baptism in your home or church family.

3. Pastors are often asked about baptizing children and yes, even adults sometimes. How does this shape our attitude as it relates to outreach/missions?

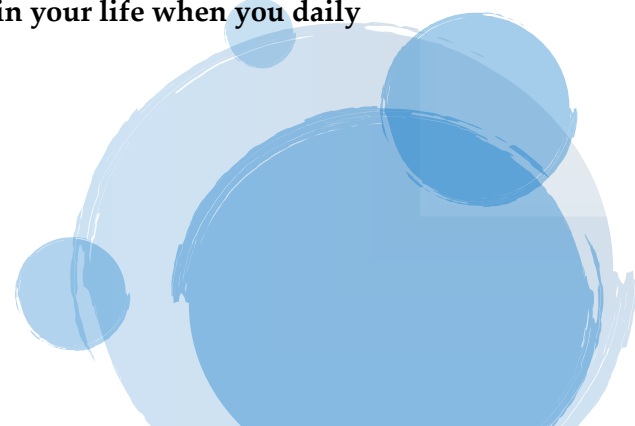
THE BLESSINGS IN BAPTISM

Mark 16:16

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

4. Baptism saves. But what condemns? Give an example of how a Christian can be a Christian and not be baptized.

5. What joy or comfort is in your life when you daily remember your baptism?





THE POWER IN BAPTISM

Titus 3:5-8

He saved us—not by righteous works that we did ourselves, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and the renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs in keeping with the hope of eternal life. ⁸This saying is trustworthy.

6. Baptism gets its power from the Gospel as the Holy Spirit offers the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. How is this gospel working in your life? In our congregation?

NEW LIFE IN BAPTISM

Romans 6:4

We were therefore buried with him by this baptism into his death, so that just as he was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too would also walk in a new life.

7. How does Baptism connect you with the Lord's death and resurrection?

8. How do we know that the "Old Adam" still lives in us?

Romans 4:25

He was handed over to death because of our trespasses and was raised to life because of our justification.

9. What does Jesus' sacrifice mean for you?

10. How does His victory encourage you?

11. In what ways can you share Christ's new life in you with others?

12. How does this gift of Baptism encourage and strengthen the congregation's members and friends?

