



YOUTH INSTRUCTION CLASS

LESSON 8: WHAT DOES BAPTISM DO FOR US?

Review

What does the word of God in baptism tell us?

What is a baptismal *sponsor*?

Luther's Explanation

What are the benefits of Baptism?

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

What are these words and promises of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved, but he who does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:16).

- According to the Bible, what does God offer and give through baptism?
 - Acts 22:16 (965) _____
 - Acts 2:39 (966) _____
 - Hebrews 2:14 (968) _____
 - 1 Peter 3:21 (970) _____
 - Galatians 3:26-27 (971) _____
- What does it mean to *put on Christ*?

To put it most simply, the power, effect, benefit, fruit, and purpose of Baptism is **to save . . .** to be saved is nothing else than to be delivered from sin, death, and the devil — and to enter into the kingdom of Christ and live with Him forever.

Summary

God through baptism:

- Works faith in our heart so we can receive forgiveness
- Gives us the spiritual blessings of forgiveness and salvation

Discussion Questions

(You may use your catechism pp. 172-173 if you need extra help.)

1. Is it possible that someone who has been baptized will *not* go to heaven? Can you find a Bible passage to support your answer?
2. Why do we say baptism gives forgiveness of sins when actually it is because of Jesus' death that our sins are forgiven?
3. Who receives the blessings of baptism?
4. Some people treat baptism as something we do for God in order to "earn" salvation. Why is this wrong? Give a Bible passage to support your answer.
5. Can an unbaptized person be saved? Can you think of examples in the Bible where unbaptized people were saved?
6. Can someone without faith in Jesus be saved?
7. In your own words, why do you think baptism is important, especially for infant children?



Memory Passage

Mark 16:16 (972) He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

Assignment

- Learn the memory passage.
- Follow your Daily Bible Readings.