

The Sacrament of Baptism

The sacraments are considered by many Christians to be mysterious, and they are! They are not, however, such great mysteries that we must simply perform them by rote without any understanding of what they are.

1. What is a Sacrament?

- a. An ordinance of Christ...
- b. That signifies, seals, and exhibits...
- c. The benefits that are ours in Christ

2. What does Baptism “Signify, Seal, and Exhibit?”

- a. Our death with Christ Romans 6:3-4
- b. Our union with Christ Galatians 3:27
- c. The washing away of sins by Christ’s blood Acts 22:16; Rev. 1:5
- d. Our renewal by the Holy Spirit Titus 3:5; Eph 5:26; Col 2:11-12
- e. Our admission to the visible church 1 Cor 12:13; Acts 2:41

3. Who is to be Baptized?

- a. Those who profess faith in Christ
- b. Together with their Children 1 Cor. 7:14; Luke 18:15-16

Application:

- 1. Are you a Christian? Have you received this sacrament instituted by Jesus?
- 2. How can you “improve upon your baptism?”