

In the church, baptism is called a “sacrament.” It is a holy act that creates a change.

What Are The Benefits Of Baptism?

Baptism Saves

When water and God’s Word are joined in baptism, God changes the baptized from being unsaved to being saved – from facing an eternity in hell to facing eternal life in heaven. Jesus said that in order to enter heaven, that beautiful kingdom of God, one must be reborn. He said it this way: *“What I’m about to tell you is true. No one can enter God’s kingdom without being born through water and the Holy Spirit”* (John 3:5).



When the Apostle Peter preached about being saved he said, *“All of you must turn away from your sins and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then your sins will be forgiven. You will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit”* (Acts 2:38,39).



Why Do Christians Baptize Their Babies?

1. Baptism creates faith and strengthens it. Everyone, including infants, needs that.
2. While we participate in the washing of baptism it is what God does through His Word that affects adults and children.
3. Baptism was prescribed for all, which includes adults and children (Matthew 28:19 and Acts 2:39).
4. Children are sinful even from their conception (Psalm 51:5) and need the forgiveness of sins received in baptism.



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Should I BAPTIZE My Baby?



Baptizing your baby is one of the most loving things you can do. Discover why inside...

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What Is Baptism?

Baptism means “wash.” Specifically, it is used to describe the special “washing” that makes us clean from sin. This special washing uses water combined with the Word of God.



Is Baptism Just A Symbol?

It is not just the “symbolism” of washing that saves us. Baptism saves us because it is water used with the power of God’s Word. When describing how the water of the flood in Noah’s day preserved Noah, his family and the animals in the ark, the Apostle Peter wrote: *“The water of the flood is a picture of the baptism that now saves you also. The baptism I’m talking about has nothing to do with removing dirt from your body. Instead, it promises God that you will keep a clear sense of what is right and wrong. Jesus Christ has saved you by rising from the dead”* (1 Peter 3:21,22).

A symbol does not save you. Baptism, therefore, is more than symbolism. It is more than a ceremonial cleaning.

Baptism Plants Faith

Faith is that wonderful ability to believe the unbelievable. The Bible says it this way, “Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being certain of what we do not see” (Hebrews 11:1). It is not possible for anyone to naturally believe. Our own sinfulness makes us want to reject the things of God, to ignore the truths of His Word, and not to believe in the message of salvation (Galatians 5:17). Yet, you believe in Jesus. Why? It is a miracle God performs in you.

This is how it happens: “So faith comes from hearing the message. And the message that is heard is the word of Christ” (Romans 10:17). That message is “good news” because Jesus is our Savior who died for our sins. What makes that message powerful is that God works it in us by the power of the Holy Spirit. In fact, the Bible calls this “good news” the “*sword of the Spirit*” (Ephesians 6:17). Faith is a miraculous gift from God. You have to believe the unbelievable news that Jesus, who was without sin, died to save all of us from our sins.

When someone is baptized, God forgives sins (Acts 2:38) and plants faith. Following baptism, that same Word of God continues to strengthen faith (Acts 8:26-39).

Baptism is about what God does to us, not what we do for God. Baptizing children is a means by which God grants them faith, forgives their sins, and nurtures faith.

When Should I Baptize My Baby?

God instructs us to baptize all nations and people, adults and children (Matthew 28:19). We know that baptism has power through the Word of God that brings the forgiveness of sins. For that reason, Christians desire to bring this blessing to their children as soon as they can. After all, why wait? Baptism is something that does not need to be delayed.

Some people choose to have their baby privately baptized soon after birth. That is

commendable for your child will benefit immediately from the forgiveness of sins. There is, however a benefit in witnessing baptism. Seeing the water applied to



the head of a child gives us a physical reminder of what really happens through that spoken Word about Jesus.

If your child is not baptized in church before the members of the congregation, consider a “public affirmation” of baptism. This small ceremony in front of the church reminds everyone of the great blessing there is in baptism and that this child – your child – received the blessing. The public announcement affirms it before everyone.