

LORD'S DAY 26

OF HOLY BAPTISM

Q69. HOW DOES HOLY BAPTISM REMIND AND ASSURE YOU THAT CHRIST'S ONE SACRIFICE ON THE CROSS BENEFITS YOU PERSONALLY?

A. *In this way:
Christ instituted this outward washing with water
and with it promised that,
as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body,
so certainly his blood and his Spirit
wash away my soul's impurity,
that is, all my sins.*

Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:38

Matthew 3:11; Mark 16:16; Romans 6:3-4

Mark 1:4

Q70. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE WASHED WITH CHRIST'S BLOOD AND SPIRIT?

A. *To be washed with Christ's blood means
that God, by grace, has forgiven our sins
because of Christ's blood
poured out for us in his sacrifice on the cross.
To be washed by Christ's Spirit means
that the Holy Spirit has renewed
and sanctified us to be members of Christ,
so that more and more
we become dead to sin
and live holy and blameless lives.*

Hebrews 12:24; I Peter 1:2; Revelation 1:5; Zechariah 13:1; Ezekiel 36:25-27

John 1:33; 3:3; I Corinthians 6:11; 12:13; Hebrews 9:14

Q71. WHERE DOES CHRIST PROMISE THAT WE ARE WASHED WITH HIS BLOOD AND SPIRIT AS SURELY AS WE ARE WASHED WITH THE WATER OF BAPTISM?

A. *In the institution of baptism, where he says:
"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."
"The one who believes and is baptized will be saved;
but the one who does not believe will be condemned."
This promise is repeated where Scripture calls baptism
"the washing of rebirth" and the washing away of sins.*

Matthew 28:19

Mark 16:16

Titus 3:5

Acts 22:16

I suggest using a notebook to record your answers, thoughts, and questions that come to mind as you read the catechism and scripture. When we meet it will help to have something written that you can refer back to as we discuss the lessons and pray for each other.

As we enter the second part of the catechism our attention turns from our sin to our deliverance.

LORD'S DAY 23: June 25 – July 1, 2017

SUNDAY: Read questions and answers with all scripture references

MONDAY: Are you a visual, auditory, or kinetic learner?

Visual: you learn best by seeing something done

Auditory: you learn best by hearing or reading about something

Kinetic: you learn best by actually doing, handling, manipulating something

TUESDAY: What does Monday's question have to do with baptism?

WEDNESDAY: Read Zechariah 13:1, 1 John 1:7-9, Ezekiel 36:25-37, and Romans 6:3-4
How are these related to the reality that baptism signifies?

THURSDAY: What is the point of Q71?

FRIDAY: How can you practice the point of Q71 in your life and teach your children to do the same?

SATURDAY: Read the corresponding essay in *THE GOOD NEWS WE ALMOST FORGOT*