

## LORD'S DAY 27

### OF HOLY BAPTISM

#### Q72. DOES THIS OUTWARD WASHING WITH WATER ITSELF WASH AWAY SINS?

*A. No, only Jesus Christ's blood and the Holy Spirit cleanse us from all sins.*

I Peter 3:21; Ephesians 5:26

I John 1:7; I Corinthians 6:11

#### Q73. WHY THEN DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT CALL BAPTISM THE WATER OF REBIRTH AND THE WASHING AWAY OF SINS?

*A. God has good reason for these words.  
To begin with, God wants to teach us that  
the blood and Spirit of Christ take away our sins  
just as water removes dirt from the body.*

*But more important,  
God wants to assure us, by this divine pledge and sign,  
that we are as truly washed of our sins spiritually  
as our bodies are washed with water physically.*

Revelation 7:14

Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38

#### Q74. SHOULD INFANTS ALSO BE BAPTIZED?

*A. Yes.  
Infants as well as adults  
are included in God's covenant and people,  
and they, no less than adults, are promised  
deliverance from sin through Christ's blood  
and the Holy Spirit who produces faith.*

*Therefore, by baptism, the sign of the covenant,  
they too should be incorporated into the Christian church  
and distinguished from the children of unbelievers.  
This was done in the Old Testament by circumcision,  
which was replaced in the New Testament by baptism.*

Genesis 17:7

Matthew 19:14

Luke 1:14-15; Psalm 22:10; Acts 2:39

Acts 10:47

Genesis 17:14

Colossians 2:11-13

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 27: July 2 – July 8, 2017**

**SUNDAY:** Read questions and answers with all scripture references

**MONDAY:** We say that the Holy Spirit applies the blood of Jesus shed on the cross to the believer, so that it washes away the sins of the that person. How do the elements of baptism picture this?

**TUESDAY:** When an adult is baptized is the activity active or passive?

**WEDNESDAY:** How is baptism a “means of grace” to those who participate in it and those who witness it?

**THURSDAY:** When a child is baptized is the activity active or passive?

**FRIDAY:** List the difference(s) in the baptism of an adult convert and the baptism of a child of believing parents.

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