

## Tuesday, September 7

1. What is baptism a sign and seal of? (See Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 65-67)
2. How would you answer Paul's question, "Into what were you baptized?"
3. How does that phrase, "into what," help us understand some of what baptism means?
4. How important do you think baptism is?
5. Does it surprise you that the giving of the Spirit here was directly connected to their being baptized in Jesus' name?
6. Why do you think this was so important to God?
7. What kinds of dangers are there in placing too much importance on having been baptized?
  - A. When, specifically, does Paul ask if they received the Holy Spirit in verse 2?
  - B. Why is this instructive?

KTFK: dirt and / sin and / earth, Jesus' / gives us / water washes / blood erases / Just as / birth. / our new / dust of / clean the

Song: "The River"

Prayer: "Lord, I know that my soul must be cleansed by your blood before you can dwell in me. I praise you that through repentance and faith in you, Lord Jesus, my soul is a place that is indwelt by the Holy Spirit. Help me never to trivialize this fact, but rather fan into flame this great gift. Amen."

## Wednesday, September 8

1. How would you compare the baptism of John to the baptism of Jesus?
2. In what way did John's baptism prepare people to receive the baptism of Jesus?
3. Is it possible to receive the baptism of Jesus without essentially receiving the baptism of John in preparation?
4. What would we be left with if all we had been given was the baptism of John?

KTFK: deep repentance / to the / to the / alone can / then look / in our / lead us / we must / we must / Christ as / Son. / John's voice / come, but

Song: "Just As I Am"

Prayer: "Lord Jesus, I thank you that though the first words of the gospel call on us to repent of our sin, at that point we are assured that your gracious sacrifice has washed us clean of sin as we trust in you and your atoning work. Help me to always keep both of those aspects clearly in mind that I always may recognize my ongoing deep need for you, but also rest in the work that you have done for me. Amen."

## Thursday, September 9

1. How much do you know about speaking in tongues and prophesying?
2. Do you think this kind of thing always happens when the Holy Spirit is given to people? (See Acts 16:29-34)
3. Why do you think God sometimes demonstrates the presence of his Spirit in these ways when sometimes he doesn't?
4. Have you ever witnessed the working of the Spirit like this?
5. What admonition does Paul give about these things? (See I Corinthians 12:27 – 13:3)

KTFK: to him / to hear / to draw / Spirit falls, / and tune / and minds / church his / best when / do as / our ears / our hearts / on the / his calls. / he thinks / God will

Song: "Spirit of God, Dwell Thou within My Heart"

Prayer: "Lord God, help me to be open to every true movement of your Spirit, allowing you to do as you choose, but also help me to rest in the simple ways He works among us, knowing that this too is a miraculous work of your grace. Amen."

## Friday, September 10

1. How do we practice baptism today?
2. Into whose name do we baptize people? Why? (See Matthew 28:19-20)
3. How well do you think our forms and practices explain and celebrate what baptism means?
4. How is this different when we are baptizing an infant than when we are baptizing an older person who has converted to the faith?
5. Do you know when you were baptized?
6. Do you ever think about the fact that you were baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
7. What is the necessary role of true faith in experiencing the benefits of this?

KTFK: years the / the way / the chains. / practice still / show to / to break /  
Even after / all around / all these / we might / remains, that

Song: "Our Children, Lord, in Faith and Prayer"

Prayer: "Lord, I confess that your instruction that we baptize all those who are joined to your church is one that continues to be a bit of a mystery. Yet we see the presence of your Spirit in your children and celebrate the amazing reality that you truly live among us as you have cleansed us from our sin. Help us to find awe and wonder in these things without falling into superstition. Amen."

## Saturday, September 11

Read the entire passage again and review the key thoughts from each day. Which did you find most important for you this week?

Sep 6 - Bearing / fruit and / fearing sin / are certain / signs he's / here, so / let us / walk as / he directs / and  
always / persevere.  
Sep 7 - Just as / water washes / clean the / dirt and / dust of / earth, Jesus' / blood erases / sin and / gives us /  
our new / birth.  
Sep 8 - John's voice / alone can / lead us / to the / Christ as / we must / come, but / in our / deep repentance / we  
must / then look / to the / Son.  
Sep 9 - God will / do as / he thinks / best when / on the / church his / Spirit falls, / to draw / our hearts / and  
minds / to him / and tune / our ears / to hear / his calls.  
Sep 10 - Even after / all these / years the / practice still / remains, that / we might / show to / all around / the  
way / to break / the chains.

## Family Worship 2021

September 6-11

Acts 19:1-7

Kids and Parents: See if you can unscramble the daily  
KTFK - Key Thought for Kids (Answers on back page)

*And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup> And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." <sup>3</sup> And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." <sup>4</sup> And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." <sup>5</sup> On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying. <sup>7</sup> There were about twelve men in all.*

## Monday, September 6

1. Why do you think Paul asked them if they had received the Holy Spirit when they believed?
2. What do you think the signs of the presence of the Holy Spirit are?
3. Do you think those signs are different now than they were then?
4. Have you ever wondered whether you had really received the Holy Spirit?
5. How would we know?
  - A. See: John 16:7-11
  - B. See: Galatians 5:16-26

KTFK: fearing sin / persevere. / let us / and always / signs he's / he directs /  
Bearing / here, so / are certain / fruit and / walk as

Song: "Spirit of the Living God"

Prayer: "Lord God, I confess that looking for signs of the Spirit doesn't seem as simple today as it often was in the days of the early church. And yet, when we look where you direct us and don't simply look for great signs and wonders occurring, we see his presence throughout the church and our lives. Help us to listen closely to Him and to keep in step with Him each day: bearing fruit and fearing sin. Amen."