

# HOME TALK

Making Disciples in the Middle of Everyday Life Mt 28:20a



## Talking about The Sacraments

### 330 How does God give His grace to you?

God has three means (or ways) of giving His grace to me: The Word of God and the two sacraments. These are the three Means of Grace taught and believed by Lutherans.

### 331 What is sacrament?

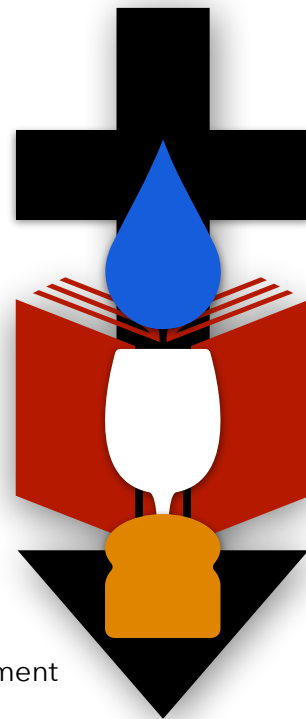
A sacrament is a holy act, instituted by Christ, in which by visible means, He gives and confirms His invisible grace.

### 332 What are the sacraments of the New Testament?

The sacraments of the New Testament are Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

### 333 What were the rites of the Old Testament which foreshadowed the sacraments of the New Testament?

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## Talking about The Sacrament of Baptism

### 334 What does the word baptism mean?

The English word *baptism* comes from a word in the Greek language which means a cleansing by washing, immersion and/or death.

### 335 What command about baptism has God given to His followers?

It is the word of Christ in Matthew 28:18-20, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

### 336 How is this baptism different from that of John the Baptist?

The baptism of John the Baptist was a baptism of repentance. In Christian Baptism, God gives the Holy Spirit.

**Matthew 3:11** "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

