

HOME TALK

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



Talking about The Sacrament of Baptism

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1. They are helpless and therefore the ideal people for salvation.

Luke 18:15-17 "Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

2. They are sinners and need the grace of God.

Psalms 51:5 "Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me."

3. They are capable of receiving the blessings of baptism.

Mark 10:15-16 "Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them."

4. They are capable of believing.

Matthew 18:6 "...these little ones...who believe in me..."

5. They are included in Jesus' command to "go into all the nations."

Matthew 28:19-20 "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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Acts 2:39 "For the promise is for you and for your children..."

6. They were included in the Old Testament and therefore would not be excluded in the New Testament unless plainly forbidden (Colossians 2:11,12).

7. The early church sets the example by baptizing entire households, which certainly must have included little children (Acts 16:15, 33; 1 Corinthians 1:16).

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

