

HOME TALK

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



Talking about The Sacrament of Baptism

342 Can little children have faith?

Yes, little children can have faith because Jesus says that they believe (Matthew 18:6).

343 Are baptized children saved?

Yes, baptized children are saved because Jesus has given each one of them the gift of faith, and they do not resist Him by unbelief.

344 How shall these baptized children be regarded?

They shall be regarded as children of God and encouraged to take their sins to Jesus and choose daily to follow Him.

345 Are little children who have not been baptized condemned?

The Bible does not speak clearly about this. But we have the words of Jesus who said that "...Father in heaven is not willing that any one of these little ones should be lost" (Matthew 18:14).

346 When should an adult be baptized?

An adult who has never been baptized should be baptized only after confessing that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior.

347 Should adults who were baptized as children but later leave the faith be rebaptized when they repent and return to faith?

No, to be rebaptized is to deny the promise of God given in baptism and which He has not taken back. Repentant persons simply return to the grace God gave them in baptism.

348 How is the faith of adults different from the faith given to little children by Christ?

They are not different since both are saving faith created by the power of God. However, adults are able to reflect on and think about their faith.

349 Who should baptize?

The church baptizes through its pastor unless there is an emergency when anyone should baptize.

1 Corinthians 4:1 "This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God."

John 20:22-23 "And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.'"

350 How are we to baptize?

No instruction is given in the Bible about how much water should be used or how it should be applied, only that we are to baptize in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

