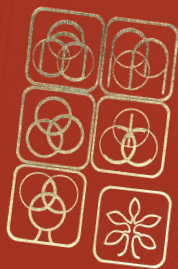


HOME TALK

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



Explanation of
Luther's Small Catechism

Talking about The Sacrament of Baptism

351 What benefits did you receive when you were baptized?

1. My sin was forgiven.

Acts 2:38-39 "And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

2. I was born again.

John 3:3,5 "Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ... Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."

1 Peter 3:20b-21 "while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ..."

Mark 16:16 "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."

Titus 3:4-7 "But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

3. God adopted me into His family, the church.

John 1:12 "But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God..."

1 Corinthians 12:12-13 "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit."

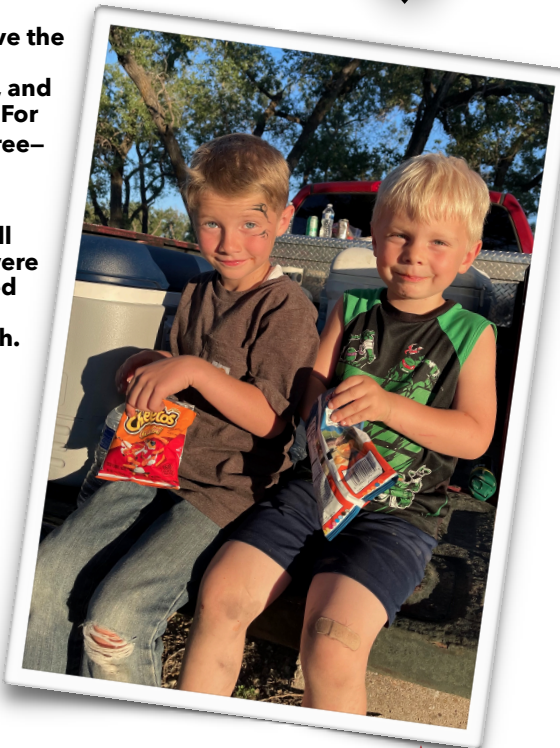
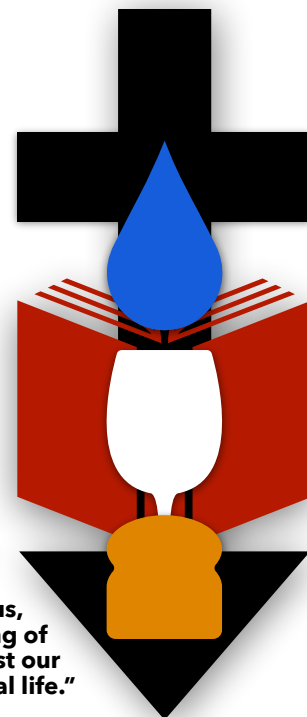
4. God established His covenant with me.

Colossians 2:10,12 "...and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority ...having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead."

Galatians 3:26-29 "...for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise."

5. God gave me a way to live.

Romans 6:1-4 "What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."



Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

