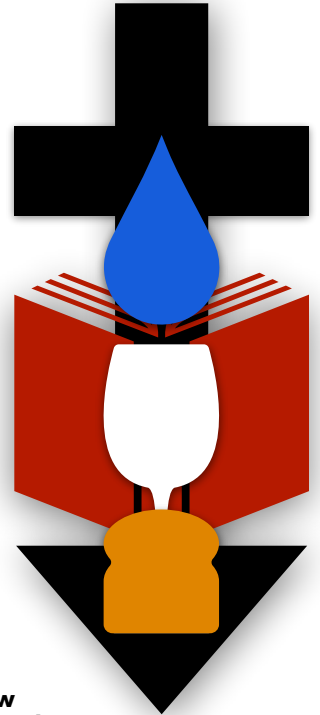


HOME TALK

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



Talking about The Sacrament of Baptism



360 May your baptism serve to comfort you and strengthen you in your faith?

Yes, since my baptism stands firm on God's part, I know that he will joyfully receive me when I come to Him in repentance.

Luke 15:20 "And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him."

361 What should be your attitude toward your baptism?

My attitude should be one of thanksgiving to God for giving me a salvation that is so free that I do absolutely nothing to earn it or deserve it.

362 How should parents, sponsors and members of the congregation show their love for baptized children?

1. By being a good example in Christian living.

Titus 2:7-8 "Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us."

2. By praying for them.

1 Timothy 2:1,3-4 "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people...This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."

3. By giving kind counsel and encouragement to them.

Ephesians 6:4 "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord."

4. By providing for their instruction in the Word of God.

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."

363 Does baptizing depend in any way upon the person who does the baptizing?

No, baptism depends upon the Word of God and the promise connected to it. Baptism in no way depends upon the character or faith of the one who baptizes.

Scriptures are noted in the English Standard Version

