Baptism- Part 2

Confirmation - Lesson B2

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***Memory Verse of the Week:***

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!” 2 Corinthians 5:17*

Teaching Time-

What Does Baptism Offer Us?

 1) **FORGIVENESS** of sins *(Acts 2:38)*

 2) Rescues us from **DEATH** and the **DEVIL** *(Romans 6:3-5)*

 3) Gives **ETERNAL** salvation *(Mark 16:16)*

How Should we Baptize? *(LSC Question #239)*

 Sprinkling? Immersion? Pouring? Firehose? **DOESN’T MATTER**

What is Needed for Baptism?

 **WATER** and **GOD’S WORD** *(Matthew 28:19)*

 We baptize people: “In the name of the **FATHER**, **SON**, and **HOLY** **SPIRIT**”

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| Two Views of Baptism: | INFANT BAPTISMLutheran/Catholic/PresbyterianMethodists/Nazarene/Episcopal | BELIEVER’S BAPTISMBaptist/Non-DenominationPentecostals/Disciples of Christ |
| What do they do with babies? | **BAPTIZE THEM** | **DEDICATE THEM** |
| Is forgiveness granted through baptism? | **YES** | **NO** |
| Age of Accountability/ Profession of Faith | **CONFIRMATION** | Whenever they’re **BAPTIZED** |

Why Do We Baptize Babies?

 **ABRAHAM** decided for his children *(Genesis 17:1-14)*

 **JOSEPH** decided for Jesus *(Luke 2:21-24)*

 Baptism is a promise for you and your **CHILDREN** *(Acts 2:38-39)*

 Baptism is a circumcision of the **HEART** *(Colossians 2:9-15)*

 Babies are part of **ALL** **NATIONS** *(Matthew 28:19-20)*

 Jesus invited little children to **COME** to Him *(Luke 18:15-17)*

 Babies are born **SINFUL** and need what baptism offers *(John 3:5-6)*

 Babies are able to have **FAITH** *(Matthew 18:6)*

Baptism is a **GIFT** from God- why not give it as soon as possible? *(Galatians 3:26-29)*

Baptism replaces the OT act of **CIRCUMCISION** which was to be done on the **8TH** day, the very first day possible *(Gen 17: 10-12, Lev 12:1-3,, Gal 3:26-29, Col 2:11-13)*

Is it Possible For an Un-Baptized Person to be Saved? *(Mark 16:16, Luke 23:39-43)* **Yes**/ No

Should we Baptize the Dead? *(1 Corinthians 15:29)*  Yes/**No**

How Many Times Should We Get Baptized? *(Ephesians 4:5)* **1** 2 3 ?

Remembering Your Baptism- What’s It Mean For Our Lives Today?

 “We were therefore, **BURIED** with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a **NEW** life.” *-Romans 6:4*

“Put on the **NEW** self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness*.” -Ephesians 4:24*

Main Point: You are a **NEW** creation! *(Memory Verse-2 Cor. 5:17)*

Reflection Time- *Use this space to silently reflect on these 3 questions:*

1) I like “new” stuff because…

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2) At baptism I become a part of a family, God’s Church, that means to me that…

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3) I want to remember my baptism each day by…

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4) What are some of the qualities that you most appreciate about your family?

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About being in God’s family? (Your Church family)

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Group Break Out

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Get To Know Ya-

 Go around and answer one of these questions:

 What is your most hilarious or embarrassing moment with water?

 What is the best time you ever spent in or around water?

Experiential Activity- (1 can of play-doh per student)

Hand out to each student a can of play-doh. As you read these phrases or verses have them come up with a sculpture that represents something about that verse. You may want to read the phrase or verse once or twice and then let them begin. Read it a few more times while they are sculpting. Allow them no more than 1 minute for each sculpting session. When the time is up have them briefly show the rest of the group and share what it is and why they chose to make that image. Make sure to affirm their creations!

 1) If I could morph into anything it would be…

 2) Make something that involves water.

 3) The first thing I think of when I think of baptism is...

 4) 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.

 5) Repent and be baptized, everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off- for all whom the Lord our God will call.

 6) People were bringing little children to Jesus to have Him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, He was indignant. He said to them, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth; anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.

 7) If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has gone, the new has come!

Application-

1) How was this activity similar to how God makes us a “new creation” through baptism?

2) What do you think is meant when it says, “the old has gone”? What is the old? What is the new?

3) Read Jeremiah 18:1-6. What point is God trying to make about us? About Himself?

4) Were any of the sculptures that you made today exactly the same? Do you think God makes any of us exactly the same either? Why not?

5) This week, how do you want to remember your baptism?

Family Time

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Family Time is meant to be an opportunity to get the family talking about spiritual things. Multiple studies show that parents and grandparents are the #1 faith role models in a child’s life. We know life is busy, but we want to give you opportunities to grow together. The best time to do it is together in the car, while eating a meal together, or simply anytime you can spend some time together.

1) Have your parents tell you about the first new house or car that they ever bought. What was it like? How old were they? What feelings did they experience?

*Weekly*

*Memory Verse:*

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*2 Corinthians 5:17*

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2) What “new” thing have you bought recently? What are some of the reasons “new” may be better than “old”?

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3) Read Galatians 5:16-26.

List all the qualities of the “old”, or sinful, self *(if there are any that you don’t understand ask your parents to help explain it to you.):*

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List all the qualities of the “new”, or Spirit-filled, self:

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4) In the space below, draw a timeline of your life from birth to today. Plot significant events on it and try to show how your “new” self has been impacted by God’s presence in your life. Make sure to include your baptism on it.

For Further Study… (an optional section for families that want to go deeper)

Read together John 3:1-15. What does this say about the need for baptism? Why can’t we save ourselves and earn eternal life? What things does it say are necessary in order to be born again? When we receive the Holy Spirit at our baptisms, how are we different? See 1 Corinthians 3:16-17. What does it mean for you that God lives inside of you?

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