

I. What is Baptism?

Baptism is not just plain water. It is water used by God's command and connected with God's Word.

What is that Word of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19).

2. What are the benefits of Baptism?

Baptism works the forgiveness of sins, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe, as the words and promises of God declare.

What are these words and promises of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:16).

^{NKJ} **John 3:5** Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

^{NKJ} **Acts 2:38** Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

³⁹ "For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

8th Grade Only

^{NKJ} **Galatians 3:26** For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.