

The Westminster Confession of Faith

Chapter 28

Of Baptism

1. Baptism is a sacrament of the new testament, ordained by Jesus Christ, not only for the solemn admission of the party baptised into the visible Church; but also, to be unto him a sign and seal of the covenant of grace, of his ingrafting into Christ, of regeneration, of remission of sins, and of his giving up unto God, through Jesus Christ, to walk in newness of life. Which sacrament is, by Christ's own appointment, to be continued in His Church until the end of the world.
2. The outward element to be used in this sacrament is water, wherewith the party is to be baptised, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, by a minister of the Gospel, lawfully called thereunto.
3. Dipping of the person into the water is not necessary; but Baptism is rightly administered by pouring, or sprinkling water upon the person.
4. Not only those that do actually profess faith in and obedience unto Christ, but also the infants of one, or both, believing parents, are to be baptised.
5. Although it be a great sin to condemn or neglect this ordinance, yet grace and salvation are not so inseparably annexed unto it, as that no person can be regenerated, or saved, without it: or, that all that are baptised are undoubtedly regenerated.
6. The efficacy of Baptism is not tied to that moment of time wherein it is administered; yet, notwithstanding, by the right use of this ordinance, the grace promised is not only offered, but really exhibited, and conferred, by the Holy Ghost, to such (whether of age or infants) as that grace belongeth unto, according to the counsel of God's own will, in His appointed time.
7. The sacrament of Baptism is but once to be administered unto any person.

SERMON WORKSHEET
Sunday 13th November, 2011 – PM service
“What Keeps Baptism In Its Proper Place”

READINGS: 1)..... 2).....

TOPIC:

INTRODUCTION

In this sermon we look at the E..... which come along with this sacrament
Does Satan operate by going straight against something? YES / NO ? *Cross wrong one*
The story about the baptism of the bell in Naples is sheer S.....

1 - BAPTISM MUST SIMPLY BE A SIGN

The Roman Catholic church teaches about the necessity of baptism as: *Tick right box*
a) a way of regenerating grace [] b) God's direction to us []
The incident with M..... in Exodus 4 shows us the Reformed view
Baptism is a moral duty - this is shown in Luke :
Being saved means you've been baptised: TRUE / FALSE ? (Luke 23:42)
In a visual way baptism shows on the O..... what's happening inside
In the Bible we find that Titus verse supports this (as we see in Article 7)
Who doesn't ever change? Who can change a lot?
An example of those baptised while not in a state of grace is Esau in Romans:
In 1 Cor. 1:14 Paul is thankful he didn't baptise any of the Corinthians because that:
a) means he had regenerated them [] b) means it was simply a sign []

2 - BAPTISM MUST ALWAYS BE A SIGN

Parents need to tell their children about their baptism: TRUE / FALSE ?
Whenever you look on a baptism believingly you G..... in your faith
The L..... Westminster Catechism Answer 167 tells us about this
This Answer shows us how Baptism is a M..... reflecting what we ought to be
It was in Genesis : – that Jacob saw what his circumcision was all about
When those against infant baptism say that baptism has no saving effect on infants:
a) they are quite right and we are wrong to believe what we do []
b) they are quite right but miss altogether the big picture []
Do you think its right that the baby should be baptised the Sunday after birth? YES / NO ?
What about when the baby's 3 months old and can smile for the cameras? YES / NO ?
John Calvin's motto is: "I P..... my heart to you O Lord, promptly and sincerely."
Since baptism will achieve its purpose in those God intends for salvation::
a) believing parents can take great comfort from this []
b) believing folk baptised in a nominal church can be assured []
When Murray M'Cheyne went to that dying child in the unbelieving home he left them:
a) with great comfort at God's grace [] b) considering their condition without Christ []
It's the G..... of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, which is always with us