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A Family Devotional Guide to Baptism

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WEEK 1

Sacraments: Baptism & the Lord's Supper

A sacrament is a holy regulation established by Christ, in which Christ and the benefits of the new covenant are represented, sealed, and applied to believers by physical signs. Jesus calls His people to be baptized and to take the Lord's Supper. Throughout the Bible, we continually see God baptizing/washing and feeding His people. As you read this week, enjoy looking at God washing and feeding His people over the whole redemption story.

MONDAY

Creation. Read Genesis 1:9-10 and 1:26-31. Waters are separated and dry land appears...and it was good. Then He creates man on the newly separated dry land and He feeds him. Because that's what He does.

☞ *At this first look at baptism, how does God take care of His people?*

TUESDAY

Noah. Read Genesis 8:1-5, 8:13-19, 9:1-3. Noah and his family pass through the watery ordeal and come out the other side on dry land. This is a new creation...they are part of a re-creation. God delivers His people through the watery ordeal and He feeds them. Because that's what God does.

☞ *As you look at Noah's story, how is your baptism a picture of God delivering you from your sin?*

WEDNESDAY

Red Sea. Read 14:10-31, 15:22-27, and 16:12-14. Moses and the nation of Israel pass through the watery ordeal and come out the other side on dry land. A new creation is born from the fiery furnace of Egypt passing through the water of the Red Sea.

God delivers His people through the watery ordeal and then He feeds them. Because that's what He does. God provides for His

people in this picture of baptism.

☞ *How has God provided for you?*

THURSDAY

Lazarus. Read John 11:12:2. Lazarus experiences the dark ocean of death (a sort of watery ordeal) and yet Jesus calls him from death to life. The next place we see Lazarus is when he is eating with the "Resurrection and the Life". God delivers his people from certain death and He dines with them. Because that's what He does. This glimpse of baptism shows us that God calls His people from death to life.

☞ *How do you live differently because of Jesus' resurrection?*

FRIDAY

Jesus & his disciples. Read John 21. This must have been a dark moment for the disciples to return to fishing so easily. At Peter's suggestion (still unrestored). It's fitting that they caught nothing after fishing all night. Then Jesus calls to them from the shore and tells them to cast on the other side of the boat. Then with FULL nets invites them ashore and says, "Come have breakfast." He draws them out of the despair and then He feeds them. Because that's what God does. Sin brings despair. It always does. But Jesus rescues us from despair.

☞ *How are you living differently because Jesus rescued you?*

WEEK 2

What is baptism?

Baptism is more than symbol and ceremony! The sacrament of baptism is a washing with water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, which is a sign and seal that we are joined to Christ, that we receive the benefits of the covenant of grace, and that we are engaged to be the Lord's.

MONDAY

To baptize means to wash, to dip, or to immerse. John the Baptist came to prepare the way for the Lord. He came to call people to repentance and point them toward the coming Christ. Read Matthew 3 and Matthew 28:18-20.

☞ *Discuss Christ's baptism and then Christ's mandate for baptism to the church. After God rescues you, what does God command us to do? (Matthew 28:18-20)*

TUESDAY

A covenant sign. Read Colossians 2:6-14. Baptism is more than a symbol or illustration. Look to vs. 11-12 as you see that Baptism is a covenant sign, just as the circumcision was to Israel.

☞ *Look at the verbs in this text. Make a note of all the things we are to do, and all the things God does. He feeds them. Because that's what He does. God provides for His people in this picture of baptism. How has God provided for you?*

WEDNESDAY

Baptism into Christ's death. Read Romans 6:1-4. When Paul talks about us being buried with Christ, he talks of how we have died to sin! We cannot continue to walk in sin because we have been raised to walk in newness of life! In baptism, we put on Christ, like clothing. Read Galatians 3:27, Romans 13:14, and Colossians 3:9-17.

☞ *Discuss some things that we "put off" and "put on" as we are baptized into the Christ's death.*

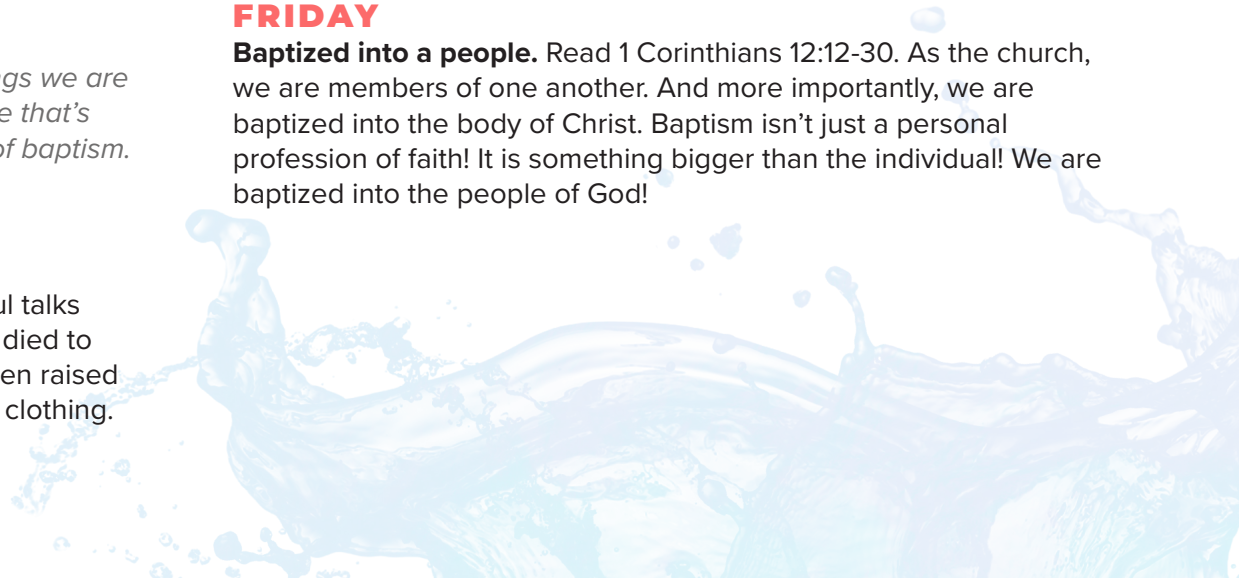
THURSDAY

An appeal for a good conscience. Read 1 Peter 3:18-22. Baptism is not a removal of dirt from the body. Baptism is an ordained event, that is an appeal to God for a good conscience... through the resurrection of Christ. It is acting in and on FAITH!

☞ *How are you trusting God and acting in and on faith as you are baptized?*

FRIDAY

Baptized into a people. Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-30. As the church, we are members of one another. And more importantly, we are baptized into the body of Christ. Baptism isn't just a personal profession of faith! It is something bigger than the individual! We are baptized into the people of God!



WEEK 3

What goes with baptism?

Baptism, by immersion, is commanded of all believers and it is an act of obedience signifying the believer's death, burial and resurrection "in Christ". The disciples were commanded to see to it that baptism was a part of their ministry and the pattern of the book of Acts indicates the widespread practice of water baptism for believers. We baptize in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. We do not believe in baptismal regeneration, nor do we hold that baptism is necessary for salvation.

MONDAY

Repent, receive His Word and be baptized. Jesus calls us to repentance. To repent is to stop sinning, to turn from our sin. Read Peter's sermon at Pentecost in Acts 2:14-41. What goes with baptism is repentance and receiving God's word.

↪ *How do you receive God's Word? How can you make repenting a practice?*

TUESDAY

Believe and be baptized. Jesus clearly explains what it is to believe to Nicodemus. Read John 3:1-21 and hear the words of what it means to believe. Then read Mark 16:16.

↪ *Is it hard for you to believe? If it isn't now, it may be someday. How do you continue to believe? Pray for God to help you to believe.*

WEDNESDAY

Call on his name, see, and be baptized. When Saul was blinded he talked to a devout man, Ananias, who told him how to call on the name of the Lord. Read Acts 21:37-22:16.

↪ *When and how do you call on the name of the Lord?*

THURSDAY

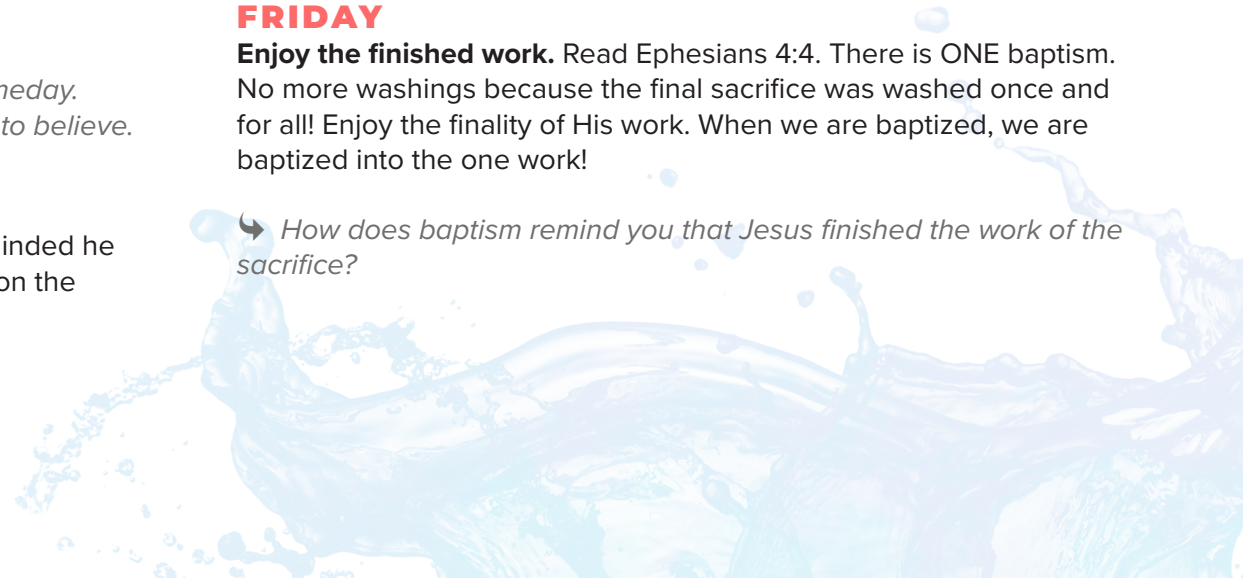
Enjoy the finished work. When we look back at the washing in the Old Testament, we see washing as a continual act done by the priests to prepare sacrifices for the people. Read Exodus 19:1-11, 29:1-9, 29:15-18, 30:17-21. We see lots of washing and bathing, washing and bathing, washing and bathing. Now contrast these cumbersome washing rituals with Hebrews 10:1-25: once and for all time sacrifice. We are baptized into His death and reckoned clean...once and for all.

↪ *How does baptism remind you that Jesus finished the work of the sacrifice?*

FRIDAY

Enjoy the finished work. Read Ephesians 4:4. There is ONE baptism. No more washings because the final sacrifice was washed once and for all! Enjoy the finality of His work. When we are baptized, we are baptized into the one work!

↪ *How does baptism remind you that Jesus finished the work of the sacrifice?*



WEEK 4

Remember your baptism

MONDAY

Read Hebrews 10:19-26. Let us draw near because our bodies have been washed. Let us hold fast for He who promised is faithful. Let us consider to meet together, encouraging one another. How? Remember your baptism! Your bodies were washed. Your hearts were sprinkled clean!

↪ *How can you remember your baptism?*

TUESDAY

Read 1 Corinthians 6:1-11. Paul appeals to the Corinthian church. “You were washed.”

↪ *How can you remember your baptism?*

WEDNESDAY

Read Romans 6. Paul appeals to the Roman church to walk in newness of life remembering their baptism. God baptized us. God buried us. God raised us SO THAT we too might walk in newness of life! How then can we continue in sin? How can we who died to sin still live in it? Remember your baptism! Remember who you are. Remember whose you are. Remember the people you were baptized into.

↪ *How can you remember your baptism?*

THURSDAY

Read 1 Corinthians 10:1-17. The Israelites at another table: the table of sexual immorality (Numbers 25), the table of quarreling (Exodus 17:1-7), and the table of grumbling (Numbers 14). The Israelites practiced idolatry. When you eat and drink the supper, you are participating in and fellowshiping with the blood and body of Christ.

And on the flip side, when you’re trying to dine at two tables, you’re not at the Lord’s table rightly. God baptizes and feed His people. Remember your baptism and remember the Lord’s Supper. It is a call to sit at the Lord’s table rightly.

↪ *How can you remember your baptism?*

FRIDAY

Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. God delivered His people once and for all through Christ’s life, death, and resurrection. We wear His garments of righteousness and are reckoned clean by His finished work. In Jesus, we become a new creation. God delivers us through a watery ordeal and then He feeds us. As we gather on Sunday, enjoy the unimpressive, yet fully satisfying meal.

↪ *How can you remember your baptism?*

