

Foundations of Faith (A Catechism for Today)

Lesson 29 – July 16

Question 81: Who may be baptized?

Those who believe, repent of their sins and commit themselves to Christ, may be baptized. Children of believing parents are also members of the covenant of grace and share in the hope of the gospel. They are to be received into the Christian community by baptism, nurtured in the faith, and confirmed by their own profession of faith when they grow older. It is the duty of parents and those who present children for baptism to confess the faith in which they are to be baptized and to promise to bring them up in that faith.

Acts 2:39 For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.

Acts 16:33 Then he and his entire family were baptized without delay.

Acts 16:15 She and her household were baptized, and she asked us to be her guests. “If you agree that I am a true believer in the Lord,” she said, “come and stay at my home.” And she urged us until we agreed.

1 Cor 1:16, 7:14

16 (Oh yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas, but I don’t remember baptizing anyone else.)

14 For the believing wife brings holiness to her marriage, and the believing husband brings holiness to his marriage. Otherwise, your children would not be holy, but now they are holy.

Gen 17:7 “I will confirm my covenant with you and your descendants after you, from generation to generation. This is the everlasting covenant: I will always be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

Question 82: In which name are we baptized?

Jesus said, “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19). Baptism is by use of water and in the name of the Holy Trinity.

Acts 8:16-17 For as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Acts 19:5 On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Mt 28:19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Jn 3:5 Jesus replied, “I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit.

Acts 2:38, 8:16

38 Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

16 The Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them, for they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Rom 6:3 Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death?

Gal 3:27 And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes.

Question 83: What is the Lord's Supper?

The Lord's Supper, Holy Communion, or the Eucharist is eating bread and drinking wine in remembrance of Christ's body broken and his blood shed for us, in anticipation of his joyous return.

The cup is a sharing in Christ's blood and the bread a sharing in his body.

The real presence of Christ does not come through some change in the bread and wine or through Christ being in or under the elements, but rather we are lifted up into the presence of Christ by faith in the power of the Holy Spirit.

1 Cor 10:16 The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?

Lk 24:35 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.