

Lord's Day 26

Questions 69, 70 & 71

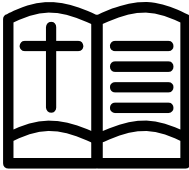
Question 69: *How does baptism remind you and assure you that Christ's one sacrifice on the cross is for you personally?*

Answer: *In this way: Christ instituted this outward washing and with it gave the promise that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body, so certainly his blood and his Spirit wash away my soul's impurity, in other words, all my sins.*



Heart of the Matter:

Answer today's question in your own words. _____



Key scriptures:

1 Peter 3:21 *"... And this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also — not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ."*

If you were baptized as an infant, express your gratitude to your parents.

If you were baptized as an adult, how did you feel? _____

Matthew 3:16-17 *"As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased'."*

Paint a picture in your own words, the beauty of this scene at the Jordan river. _____

Acts
2:38
Matthew
3:11
Romans
6:3-10
1 Peter
3:21

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Question 70: *What does it mean to be washed with Christ's blood and Spirit?*

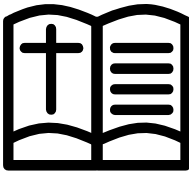
Answer: *To be washed with Christ's blood means that God, by grace, has forgiven my sins because of Christ's blood poured out for me in his sacrifice on the cross.*
To be washed with Christ's Spirit means that the Holy Spirit has renewed me and set me apart to be a member of Christ so that more and more I become dead to sin and increasingly live a holy and blameless life.



Heart of the Matter:

"The blood cleanses us from sin, and the Spirit makes us holy."

How are you 'increasingly' living a holy life? _____



Key scriptures:

Zechariah
13:1
Ephesians
1:7-8
Hebrews
12:24
1 Peter
1:2
Revelations
1:5
Ezekiel
36:25-27
John
3:5-8
Romans
6:4
1 Corinthians
6:11
Colossians
2:11-12

1 Peter 1:2 *"...who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance."*

How do you feel when you think about God blessing you?

Express His 'abundance' in your life _____

Romans 6:4 *"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."*

What are the evidences of your 'new life' in Christ? _____

What 'new life' do you want your future in Christ to hold? _____

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Question 71: *Where does Christ promise that we are washed with his blood and Spirit as surely as we are washed with the water of baptism ?*

Answer: *In the institution of baptism where he says: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."*

This promise is repeated when Scripture calls baptism the washing of rebirth and the washing away of sins.

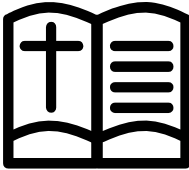


Heart of the Matter:

How well do you know scripture? _____

What is your method of study? _____

Would you consider memorizing Mark 16:16 and Titus 3:5? _____



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Mark 16:16 *"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned."*

How is this a 'sign' to others of what we believe? _____

How is it a good example? _____

Titus 3:5 *"...he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit."*

How does this scripture express an outward sign of an inward cleansing?

Ephesians 5:26 *"...to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word."*

How are you staying clean by washing in the WORD? _____

Is your Bible study regular? _____ How do you need to improve?

Matthew
28:19

Mark
16:16

Titus
3:5

Acts
22:16