

# Of Baptism

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Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 28

## Lesson Plan (Chapter 28)

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# What is Baptism?

1. Baptism is a sacrament of the new testament, ordained by Jesus Christ ...

And Jesus came and said to them,  
“All authority in heaven and on earth  
has been given to me. Go therefore  
and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them .. (Mt 28:18-19a)

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## What Does Baptism Do?

... , not only for the solemn admission of the party baptized into the visible Church; ...

For in one Spirit **we were all baptized into one body**—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. (1 Cor 12:13)

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## What Does Baptism Do?

... 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.

He received the **sign** of circumcision as a **seal** of the righteousness that he had by faith ... ( Rom 4:11)

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## Where and When is Baptism Administered?

... Which sacrament is, by Christ's own appointment, to be continued in His Church until the end of the world.

teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, **I am with you always, to the end of the age.**" (Mt 28:20)

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## How is Baptism to be Administered

2. The outward element to be used in this sacrament is water ...

I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, **this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.**' (Jn 1:33)

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## **How...Who Administers Baptism?**

... wherewith the party is to be baptized, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost by a minister of the Gospel, lawfully called thereunto.

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## **Dip, Pour or Sprinkle?**

3. Dipping of the person into the water is not necessary; but Baptism is rightly administered by pouring, or sprinkling water upon the person.

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## **Who Should be Baptized?**

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 baptized.

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## **Is Baptism Necessary?**

5. Although it be a great sin to condemn or neglect his 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 baptized are undoubtedly regenerated

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## **When Does Baptism Work?**

... 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

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## **Is Wetter Better?**

7. The sacrament of Baptism is but once to be administered unto any person

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# Lesson Review

- 1.1 What is Baptism? A sacrament of the NT
  - 1.2 What does Baptism do? Signs and seals Christ and His benefits
  - 2.1 How is Baptism Administered? With water
  - 2.2 Who Administers Baptism? By a minister lawfully called
  - 3.1 Dip, Pour, or Sprinkle? Pouring and Sprinkling
  - 4. Who Receives Baptism? Believers, and their children
  - 5. Is Baptism Necessary? Yes as a duty. Not for salvation
  - 6. How and When does Baptism Work? When the Holy Spirit chooses
  - 7. Is Wetter Better? Negative
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## Coming Soon

- ❖ *Of the Lord's Supper*
- ❖ *Of Church Censures*
- ❖ *Of Synods and Councils*
- ❖ *Of the State of Men after Death, and of the Resurrection of the Dead*
- ❖ *Of the Last Judgment*

Next Week ...

