

**Saturday, July 16, 2022 • Read Acts 10:1–43**

Questions from the Scripture text: Who was where (v1)? What position did he hold? In what group? What sort of man was he spiritually (v2)? Whom else did he lead in this? What did he do to people? In what manner? What did he do to God? How often? At what time did he see what (v3)? What did the angel say? How did Cornelius feel (v4)? What did he ask? What did the angel say about him? What did the angel tell him to do (v5)? Where would this Simon Peter be found (v6)? What would Simon Peter do? Whom does Cornelius call in v7? What does he do with them (v8)? To where are they drawing near in v9? Where does God's providence take Peter at this moment? What hour is it? What does he start to feel at this time (v10)? What are the Tanner's servants still doing? What happens to Peter? What does he see in v11? What are in the sheet (v12)? Which kinds? What preparation and action is he commanded in v13? What objections does he make in v14 (both to the kinds, and to the inadequate food prep)? But what does the voice now say about these objections (v15)? How many times does Peter persist in his resistance (v16)? What does God finally do with the sheet-full of animals in the vision? Now what is Peter doing in v17? Who have just done what? What do they do when they get to Simon's house (v18)? Who already knows, and how (v19)? What does the Spirit command him to do (v20)? To not do? Why? What does Peter do in v21? What does he ask? What do they answer in v22? What does Peter do that day (even in the Tanner's house, v23)? What does he do the next day? Who go with him? Where do they enter in v24? Who is waiting? What has he done? What does Cornelius now do in v25? But what does Peter do and say in v26? What happens in v27? How does he explain why he's ok with this in v28? What does he ask again in v29? How does Cornelius describe the circumstances of his vision (v30)? How does he summarize the content of the vision (v31–32)? What does he conclude is the purpose of his gathering (v33)? What does Peter conclude is God's point to himself (v34)? From where does he conclude Cornelius's righteousness had come (v35)? What word does he conclude Cornelius must hear and heed for this acceptance (v36)—where had it been sent, what had been preached in it, and through Whom? Where was it proclaimed (v37)? After what had been preached? What had God done (v38)? And what had Jesus done? What had Peter witnessed being done to Jesus, by whom, in return (v39)? But what had God then done (v40)? To whom had God shown Jesus openly (v41)? And what had Jesus commanded the apostles to do (v42)? Testifying to what? What had the prophets witnessed that Jesus would do at the judgment (v43)? Through what means/mechanism?

**How does God save those whom He saves?** Acts 10:1-43 looks forward to the morning sermon on the coming Lord's Day. In these forty-three verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that **God decides whom to save, gives them teachable hearts, sends them the truth about Jesus, and forgiving their sins through faith in Him.**

**God decides whom to save.** Some think that this is partiality, but our passage presents it as exactly the opposite. Peter feels almost hard-wired to reject Gentiles, but we see him lodging them in v23 then entering a crowd of them in v27. What is his explanation? "God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean" (v28) ... "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality" (v34). There is only one explanation for someone "fearing Him and working righteousness" (v35): this person has been accepted by God.

There are many providences by which this is demonstrated in the text. The angel coming to Cornelius. The rooftop vision given to a hungry apostle, and his thrice denial (!) of the command to set aside the ceremonial regulations of the Mosaic administration. The timing of the vision and the arrival of the messengers.

**God gives them teachable hearts.** Peter was living up to his rocky name. It took the thrice-denial vision and some meditation (v19a) just to get him ready for the direct command of the Spirit in v20. But the Spirit Who commanded no doubting had also given him no doubting.

As to Cornelius, centurion of the Roman cohort, what can one say? From where did this lover of God and men get his love? He feared God in action with fasting and prayer and good works. He loved men in action, not only their bodies (almsgiving) but their souls (leading his household in fear of God, v2; and gathering as many as he could influence to hear about God's salvation). He was so ready and humble for the Word of God that he mistakenly bowed before the messenger in v25, and his readiness to hear not the words of men but as "present before God" in v33 is what actually provokes Peter's confession in v34.

But let us not forget the rest of the household. And what a large household it was! They, too, had been brought by God's providence into a particular household, and then into a particular room, to hear particular preaching on a particular day. This was God's selective providence to them, every bit as much as the visions had been to the others.

**God sends them the preaching of the truth about Jesus.** The flesh is obsessed with the sensory and spectacular. It is much impressed by things like the visions that Cornelius and Peter have in our passage. But the visions are servants of the Word. Cornelius's vision is all a setup for him to hear the Word. Peter's vision is a setup for him to speak the Word.

What God could have done by the visions, He chooses to do instead by the sending of a preacher and the preaching of that Word. God is the One Who has joined together the preaching of the Word and faith in Jesus Christ. What God has joined together let no man separate! We must honor preaching as He has honored it. And we must look for His power through preaching, rather than through means that might make more sense to our foolish, fleshly, and arrogant hearts.

And what is it that is proclaimed? That He has made peace with men through Jesus the Christ, the Lord of glory Who came to earth to be the anointed one (v36). This anointing from heaven was displayed by a baptism on earth (v37–38). And it was fulfilled in Jesus's ministry (v38), murder (v39), and manifest resurrection (v40–41). He showed Himself openly in eating and drinking (v41) and continues to show Himself openly in preaching (v42).

**God forgives sins through faith in Christ.** Yes, the last great part of the truth about Jesus is that He is the Judge of the living and the dead (end of v42). But the witness of the whole Scripture is that those who believe in Him receive forgiveness of their sins. When they believe that He is indeed the Lord, Who became the Anointed (the Christ), to live perfectly, die atoningly, and rise almightily... when through His Name (His person, His work, through Him Himself) they look to God for forgiveness, they receive it!

God doesn't save based upon ethnicity. He saves based upon His pleasure, in which He providentially brings people to hear Jesus preached, and gives them hearts to believe in Him!

Who decides who will be saved? What does He do in order to save them? Where can you hear this Jesus proclaimed? Where can you get a teachable heart with which to hear and from which to believe?

*Sample prayer: Lord, we thank You that there is no partiality with You. Instead, You save entirely by grace, through faith in Christ. Help us to value preaching as Your appointed method of exercising Your saving power. Make us to sit under it as often as we have opportunity in Your providence, and give us receptive hearts as often as we sit under it. Forgive us through Christ, the great Judge and our resurrected Redeemer, AMEN!*

**Suggested songs: ARP67 "O God, Give Us Your Blessing" or TPH517 "I Know Whom I Have Believed"**

**Saturday, July 30, 2022 • Read Acts 10:44–11:18**

Questions from the Scripture text: What was Peter still doing (v44)? What did the Holy Spirit do? Who were astonished (v45)? What is the Holy Spirit called here? What had been done with this Gift onto whom? How did the Jews know that the Spirit had been poured upon these Gentiles (v46)? What does Peter question whether it could be forbidden them in v47? What would be done to them with this water? In what manner had they received the Holy Spirit? What does he command be done (v48)? In what Name? What did they ask Peter to do? What two groups heard what in 11:1? Where had Peter come in v2? What were the Jews called here again (cf. 10:45)? What was their specific complaint (v3)? Where does Peter start his explanation (v4–5)? What had he seen in the vision (v5–6)? What command did he receive (v7)? How had he responded (v8)? But what did the voice answer about Peter's exception to the command (v9)? How many times did this happen (v10)? When does v11 occur? What happened? Who still had to command Peter at this point (v12)? And what did the Spirit tell him not to do? How many "of the circumcision" came along? What did they all enter? Whom had the man

seen (v13)? What had the angel said to do? What had the angel said that Peter would do (v14)? Who would be saved by these words? What happens as Peter begins preaching (v15)? What does the Holy Spirit do? Whose word does Peter now remember (v16)? With what had John baptized? And what did Jesus say would happen by the pouring and falling of the Holy Spirit? What had God done when (v17)? Whom did Peter say that he would be withstanding if he forbade the water (v17b, cf. 10:47)? How do they respond to hearing these things (v18)? Whom do they glorify? How do they describe these Gentiles' being saved?

**Who is saving whom and how?** Acts 10:44-11:18 looks forward to the morning sermon on the coming Lord's Day. In these forty-three verses of Holy Scripture, the Holy Spirit teaches us that **it is God Who grants repentance to life, by the pouring out of His Spirit, the gift of Whom He affirms and signifies by the pouring of water in baptism.**

**Faith comes by the pouring of the Spirit.** Peter is telling them about believing (v43), when suddenly it becomes apparent that the believing itself has happened. We had seen in 9:34 and 9:40 the power of the Word to give what it commands. Now we find out more specifically who applies that power: the Holy Spirit. He fell upon them (v44b). He is a Gift Who was poured out upon them (v45). It is the Lord Jesus Who did this pouring (11:16, cf. Mk 1:8, Jn 1:33, Ac 1:5), when the Holy Spirit fell upon them (11:15).

Faith is not immediately visible. But the Spirit makes them see His work by hearing. This time, it is Gentiles speaking in language that they do not know, probably Aramaic (v46)—though those “of the circumcision” were astonished by it, the evidence was clear enough that they could not deny it!

**So God demands that His church baptize with water.** The Spirit has been given, been poured, and fallen. Peter asks, “Can anyone forbid (hinder, refuse, withhold) water that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” (v47). In 11:15, he describes that time, “the Holy Spirit fell upon them, as upon us at the beginning.”

We learn more of what's behind Paul's question in v17. To not apply water in physical baptism, just as the Lord Jesus has applied the Spirit in spiritual baptism, is to “withstand God.” This is one reason why baptism could not be delayed.

Though there are those who are baptized and later receive the Spirit (cf. Ac 19:5–6), when it is plain that someone has been brought to faith, there is a strong, urgent obligation to baptize him. The church is required to affirm on earth what Jesus does from heaven. The church is required to imitate with water what Christ does with His Spirit, to signify the method by which we are brought to faith and repentance. The church affirms this publicly for the honor of God and the strengthening of our faith. We need assuring that salvation is God's divine work, and God helps us not only by the Word and by the Supper but also by the sacrament of Christian Baptism.

**This baptizing glorifies God for being pleased to add to His church from all nations.** God's people, His church to use Stephen's word about them from 7:38, had been marked off by circumcision. Twice in our passage, believing Jews are called “those of the circumcision” (10:45, 11:2) implying that they were still thinking of God's people at that way. In fact, they less upset that Peter had baptized Gentiles than that he had entered the Gentile house and ate with the Gentiles (v3). This was an error that Peter himself and even Barnabas would get carried into later (cf. Gal 2:11–13).

But we are not of the circumcision, which belonged as a spiritual ordinance to just the one nation. Christ's church can be called “of baptism,” which belongs as a spiritual ordinance to people of all nations. Baptism helps us do more than be sure that it is Christ Who saves; it turns our hearts to praise. “They glorified God, saying “Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life” (v18). It is God Who decides who will repent. It is God Who grants repentance. And He is granting it to people from all nations. Each baptism we attend should stir up not only our faith but our praise!

If you believe in Jesus, how did that happen? If you don't, then how can it happen? What must the church do with someone whom God adds to her? What are two ways that we should respond to Baptism?

*Sample prayer: Lord, we praise You who have poured out Your Spirit to give repentance and faith. Forgive us for when we are closed hearted toward anyone in Your church. Grant unto us to treasure them as marked off to Yourself, and to look to You for grace to complete the sanctifying and glorifying of us all in Christ, AMEN!*

Suggested songs: ARP67 “O God, Give Us Your Blessing” or TPH424 “All Authority and Power”

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Acts 10 verse 1 through Acts 11 verse 18. These are the words of God.

There was a certain man and Caesarea called Cornelius, Centurion of what was called the Italian regiment, a devout, man. And one who feared God with all his household who gave alms generously to the people and prayed to God, always about a ninth hour of the day. He saw clearly in a vision an Angel of God coming in and saying to him Cornelius, when he observed him, he was afraid and said, what is it?

Lord. So he said to him Your prayers and your gifts have come up from a memorial before God. Now send men to Joppa and send for Simon. Whose surname is Peter? Here's lodging with Simon a Tanner. His house is by the sea. He will tell you what you must do, when the angel who spoke to him had departed.

Cornelius called two of his household servants and a devout soldier from among those who waited on him continually. So when he had explained all these things to them, he sent them to drop up. The next day is, they went on their journey in the city. Peter went up on the housetop to pray about the sixth hour and it became very hungry and wanted to eat.

But while they made ready, he fell into a trance and saw heaven opened and an object like a great sheet bound at the four corners descending to him. And let down to the earth, and it were all kinds of fourfooted. Animals of the earth while beasts creeping things birds of the air and the voice came to him.

Rise. Peter kill and eat, but Peter said not so Lord. I'll never eaten anything common or unclean and a voice spoke to him again. The second time what God has cleansed, you must not call common. This was done three times and the object was taken up and to heaven.

Again, Now while Peter wondered within himself, what this vision, which he had seen meant, to hold the men who had been sent from Cornelius, had made inquiry for Simon's house and stood before the gate, and they called, and asked, whether Simon whose surname was Peter was lodging there. While Peter thought about the vision, the spirit said to him Behold three men are seeking you arise.

Therefore, go down and go with them doubting nothing. For I have sent them then. Peter went down to the men who had been sent to him from Cornelius and said yes I am. He whom you seek for what reason? Have you come? And they said Cornelius to Centurion. Adjust man, one who fears God and has a good reputation?

Among all the nation of the Jews was divinely, instructed by a holy angel to summon you to his house. And to hear words from you and he invited them in and lodged them on the next day. Peter went away with them and some brethren from Joppa accompanied him In the following day.

They entered says Rhea. Now, Cornelius was waiting for them and had called together his relatives and close friends. As Peter was coming in Cornelius. Met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him. But Peter lifted him up saying, stand up myself. I'm also a man, and as he talked with him, he went in and found many, he would come together and he said to them, you know, how unlawful it is for a Jewish man to keep company with or go to one of another nation.

But God has shown me and I should not call any man common or unclean. Therefore, I came without objection as soon as I was sent for, I asked then for what reason have you sent for me? So, Cornelia said, four days ago, I was fasting until this hour and at the ninth hour, I prayed in my house and behold a man's to perform me in bright clothing and said, Cornelius.

Your prayer has been heard and your alms are remembered in the sight of God send therefore to Joppa and call Simon here. Who's her name? Is Peter, he is lodging in the house of Simon and Tanner by the sea. When he comes, he will speak to you. So I sent to you immediately and you have done well to come.

Now therefore we are all present before, God to hear all the things commanded you by God. Then Peter opened his mouth and said and truth. I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears him and works, righteousness is accepted by him. The Word which God sent to the children of Israel preaching, peace through Jesus Christ.

He is Lord of all that word you know which was proclaimed throughout all Judea and begin from Galilee after the baptism which John preached how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit. And with power who went about doing good and healing, all who are oppressed by the devil for God was with him and we are witnesses of all the things, which he did both in the land of the Jews.

And in Jerusalem whom they killed by hanging on a tree him. God raised up on the third day and showed him openly, not to all the people but to witnesses chosen before by God. Even to us who ate and drank with him, after he rose from the dead and he commanded us to preach to the people.

And to testify that it is he it was ordained by God to be judge of the living in the dead to him. All the prophets witness that through his name, whoever believes in him will receive remission of sins. While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell up on all those who heard the word and those of the circumcision who believed were astonished as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles.

Also for, they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God and Peter answered. Can anyone forbid water that these should not. Be baptized have received the Holy Spirit just as we have and he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord, and they asked him to stay a few days.

Now, the Apostles and the brethren who were in Judea heard that. The Gentiles had also received the word of God and when Peter came up to Jerusalem, those of the circumcision, contended with him saying you went into uncircumcised men and ate with them, but Peter explained it to them in order from the beginning saying I was in the city of Joppa praying and in a trance, I saw a vision an object sending like a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners.

And it came to me when I observed it. Intently and considered I saw four footed animals of the earth, while beasts creeping things and birds the air. And I heard a voice saying to me rise, Peter, kill and eat. And I said not so Lord for nothing common or unclean is at any time entered my mouth.

But the voice answered me again from heaven. What? God has cleansed. You must not call common. Now, this was done three times and all we're drawing up again into heaven at that very moment. Three men stood before the house where I was having been sent to me from Cesaria, then the spirit told me to go with them doubting nothing.

Moreover, these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered the men's house, and he told us how he had seen an angel standing in his house. He said to him, send men to Joppa and call for Simon. Who's surname is Peter? Who will tell you words by which you and all your household will be saved.

And as I began to speak the Holy Spirit, fell upon them as upon us at the beginning. Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said John indeed that ties with water that you shall. Be baptized with the Holy Spirit. If therefore, God gave them the same gift.

He gave us as he gave us when we believed to the Lord Jesus Christ. Who was I that I could withstand God when they heard these things. They became silent and they glorified God saying, Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance unto life. So for the reading of Gods inspired and and Aaron twert.

Now, The two main points, hopefully you remember from the Lord's day morning is that God has a method by which he calls those whom he is going to save. And that method is his word preached by ordinary men in God has redeemed and called, and commanded to the ministry of the preaching of the gospel.

That's the ordinary method by which God calls those whom he is going to save. And perhaps, he even remember from two weeks ago, that the first main point was that God is the one who decides him to save. And he's decided to save from all the nations and he's the one who so orders their lives as to bring them into the world at the right time and in the right place and so orders the the events of their lives.

So, as to bring them under the preaching of the word that the supernatural, or the unusual providence of angels appearing during prayer at three, in the afternoon, in a Gentile house or heaven opening in the sheet, being let down and the Holy Spirit. Overruling the thrice refusal of Peter to obey the Lord.

Jesus. The thrice, denial, Thrice are stored and arthritis. Refusing again after Pentecost that that providence is not in its aim different than the Providence that chose for you. The time that you would be born the place the family into what you would be born, The church of which your family would be members, so that you could hear the gospel proclaimed.

God is the one who chooses but the great way that he brings the salvation is not through all of those arrangement provinces and the circumstances in your life. The great way that he brings you into salvation is when the spirit comes and he blesses to you the word that you hear.

And you know, that Jesus is your Creator and the Creator of all things and that the one who created all things added to himself to be a preacher so that he could be a man. So that he could be the promised man, the Christ, the great, the great, and final prophet, the great high priest, the forever king and that in his greatness, he would obey he'd perfectly, fulfill, all his mission.

He would perfectly obey, all the moral law and yet he would suffer the wrath of God for your own sins and the Holy Spirit makes you hear the message of who Jesus is and what Jesus has done. It's the main point in in Peter's, sermon, who Jesus is and what Jesus has done and that he would make you to know that.

That's your Creator. And that's your Redeemer that it was your sins for which he was suffering and he finished paying for them and it was your righteousness that he rendered unto God throughout his earthly life that every obedience was in your behalf as your representative, you didn't honor your father, He honored his father, You didn't honor your mother, He honored his mother.

You weren't cheerful after a difficult night's sleep. He was cheerful after a difficult night's sleep. You see the negative in how people treat you or your circumstances? He sees his father being good to him. It's superbly, hangry. After 40 hours After 40 days, he's saying my father takes such good care of me.

I have every word that proceeds from his mouth. Satan could not make him stumble, and the slightest thought, because he was being your righteousness as precisely, because he was so obedient and fulfilled his mission and testified properly to himself that the Jews murdered him. But they didn't just murder him.

That killed him on a tree because they were instruments by which he would not just die. But I accursed that. All of that is yours in him. And that's how the Spirit saves you. Yes by picking win and where you would live, and all of those things. Yes. By the circumstances and events of your life that bring you to hear a man.

Even a man like, Peter speak words, but especially but convincing your heart. Not just of who Christ is but that he is that to you not just of what Christ has done. But that he has done that for you. And as the Spirit convinces, your heart saying you are mine.

We must baptize with water which Jesus commands as the sign on earth that says that we belong to Him. And so you're baptized at the beginning of your life. Why? Because you are put into his church and those who are set apart as holy must be marked as holy and those whom he has put in his church must receive the mark of being in his church.

But the mark of the water. There's not, what saves you isn't. It's the spirit, whom the water. Signifies who saves you by uniting you to Christ. And when you are united to Christ, you are washed in his blood and all of your guilt has gone. And your conscience is clear and you can always always come back to everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord.

Will be saved. No one can have.

No one can have any guilt or condemnation if they have been washed in the blood of the land, he who puts his trust in him shall never. We put to shame. And so your baptisms from the moment that you received them have been continually pleading with you. Turn from your sin.

Trust in the Lord Jesus, and you say, oh well, I professed my faith. I believed in him have repented. Yes, you know what your baptism? Says, turn from your sin trust in Jesus. You are mine. But now, If you believe in him, it's not just the water on the outside that says you are.

Mine is the spirit on the inside who agrees with the water and he says, you are mine. This is why Peter could not forbid the water because Jesus had commanded it. Because when we come to faith, we don't automatically strongly believe for the rest of our lives. Do we we don't automatically strongly devote ourselves to God and oppose ourselves to our sin.

Do we we should the Holy Spirit is urging us to do so but the Lord Jesus knowing our weakness has provided the sign that it would continually testify to us. That we are his, that we are not. We are not sins. We do not belong to sin. We belong to Jesus and that we cannot be lost if we belong to him.

So turn from your sin and keep believing in him. Now, I was intending to take the time. I don't think I will now and go through and just read every instance of the men. Speaking words language from 101 to 11:18 and I think the last one is in 11/16 remembered the word of the Lord, I guess when they heard these things, but that's a little bit different in 11/18.

There's I started counting them. I lost track. After about 15 times, there's something like speak words or spoke or open his mouth or proclaim or witness or testify emphasizing to us. That it's not just the baptism by which the spirit keeps convincing us that we belong to Christ. Keeps reminding us of who Christ is and that He is that to us.

Keeps reminding you that he is that to you. It's not just baptism by which the Spirit keeps reminding you of what Christ has done and that he has done that for you. It is especially supremely, most commonly a man opening his mouth and speaking words and the spirit comes, and he reminds you who Jesus is, and that he is that to you, what Jesus has done and that he has done that for you.

And what Jesus will do at the end, He is the one who is appointed to judge the world Peter proclaimed. And what Jesus will do for you on that day, when he will say, not guilty, innocent worthy, with my own worthiness. Obedient even having walked in all of these imperfect, obediences, the good bit of which as entirely come from him and you being rewarded, not by your merit but by grace, according to the goodness of that, which Christ has enabled you to walk.

For the sake of his worthiness, the spirit reminds you and works all those things into you, primarily by a man speaking words and yes, by you reading, the word meditating upon the work and we need to remember that. I need to remember that When I sit under preaching and

When I said under preaching, I need to remember that. Whatever is being spoken from the Bible right now. The Spirit is using to apply to me who Jesus is and what Jesus has done. Because at the end, the spirit will have made me like Jesus, so that I can enjoy all of those things that have burned earned by Jesus.

So we're about to go to our classes and the word may be spoken in perfectly to you, but I trust that to some measure. The scripture will be read and will be explained and it'll be accurate to some extent. Whatever is read, whatever is right from the word Spirit is using and we should look to Jesus by his spirit to work in us by it.

And some of us are going to go to the worship service, I think it's called a worship service. Maybe it's a morning lesson but the word is going to be opened and not perfectly, but we trust faithfully to some extent and we will look for the same. We will look to Jesus Look to his spirit to work in us, you know, the New Testament just closed.

Jesus promised to finished Bible and the Holy Spirit by the Apostles delivered, a finished Bible. But you could have a record of what the Spirit is doing in your life and it would include today. And it include right now, what we're doing in family worship, it include what we just finished doing and the singing of the Word of God with other believers would include.

But we're about to go do, it's really an amazing thing. To be a Christian, the works of the living God of redemption in each of our lives. All day every day. But especially whenever we attend upon the word. Let's pray. Lord. Thank you for this. Thank you for this extended section of your word, thank you for this life.

You've given us as a family to know. You to know you together to worship. You together to open your Word together, morning, and evening and often in

between, thank you for this life that you've given us each individually. We pray, Lord that you would grow us in it by your spirit that we would meditate continuously upon your word that we would react to all of our circumstances.

And that continual conversation that we have with you formed by your word. In in our continual praying we press, especially your blessing upon these set times and the family and with others and and devotions private worship secret. Worship that your spirit would be using your word for the purposes that we've heard about.

From this passage, we thank you for baptism. We thank you that you have commanded the water to be poured on us. That we would be reminded that it is your spirit whom you have bore on us. That even as the water, testifies, in an external way that we are yours.

That your spirit who gives us faith in Jesus Christ confirms to our hearts. That we who believe are yours in that saving and Everlasting and all mighty way. So help us Lord to benefit from your word and from your sacraments, by your spirit, applying to us your son and his name.

We ask it, Amen.