

Questions 126 & 127

Name _____

Q126. What sign is used in baptism?

A126. The washing with water.

Q127. What does this signify?

A127. That we are cleansed from sin by the blood of Christ.

Scripture Base: John 1:19-34; Acts 8:36 & 22:16;
Rom. 6:3-4; Titus 3:5; 1 Pet. 3:21-22

Doctrine: WCF 28 SC 94, 95

Supplementary Questions

1. What is the element used in baptism?

2. How is the water applied in baptism?

3. What does the water represent?

Song: "What is a Sacrament?" – Judy Rogers

Teaching Notes

Review

Q122. How many sacraments are there? - *Two*

Q123. What are they? - *Baptism and the Lord's Supper.*

Q124. Who appointed these sacraments? - *The Lord Jesus Christ.*

Q125. Why did Christ appoint these sacraments? - *To distinguish His disciples from the world, and to comfort and strengthen them.*

Story: The Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8:26-38), John's baptism (Jn 1:19-28) or Jesus' baptism (Jn 1:29-34)

Questions

1. Water (Matt. 3:11; Acts 8:36). Why water? - Because it's a good illustration of how the work of Christ cleanses us. Just as water washes away dirt from our skin, so the work of Christ washes away sin from our souls (1 Pet. 3:21-22).

2. It does not really matter how it is applied: it may be administered through sprinkling, pouring or immersion. What matters is that the water is applied: it is the washing with the water that shows us what we need to see.

3. It represents cleansing from sin (1 Pet. 3:21-22; and Titus 3:5, "the washing of regeneration"). It shows us that if we trust in Jesus Christ, our sins will be washed away—we will be forgiven (Acts 22:16). It is only if our sins are forgiven that we can enter into heaven.

Gospel: Can baptism save you? No, it does point you to the only One who can, Jesus Christ. When you trust Jesus to save you, the Holy Spirit applies what Jesus did to you. He applies the sacrifice Jesus made to wash you of your sins, and He gives you His record of obedience (His good works). This is all you need for God to accept you. Do not trust your baptism to save you. Do not trust in anything you do. Turn away from your good works and your sins, and trust Jesus alone to save you.

Activity: Philip & The Eunuch picture to color/draw
<http://www.calvarywilliamsport.com/kids-coloring-pages.html>

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