

Baptism FAQ's

Why baptize infants?

They are baptized for the same reason adults are baptized: because of the command and promise of God. What is promised in Baptism is given to all who receive it; therefore, infants and young children also have the promise of God. They are included in the words "all nations" (Matthew 8:19). Jesus specifically invites little children to come to Him (see Mark 10 below). Most importantly infants and children need what Baptism gives.

Mark 10:14-16

"But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. " Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

I've already been baptized, should I do it again?

You don't need to be baptized again if you were baptized in a Christian Church in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit! (Ephesians 4:5).

What is the difference between a dedication and Baptism?

A dedication is a man made ceremony where parents dedicate their child to the Christian life and dedicate themselves to raising their child as a Christian. While this is in many ways a good thing, it isn't Baptism and it isn't what Jesus commanded. In Baptism, parents, guardians and sponsors vow to raise their child in the Christian faith, but more importantly God brings grace, forgiveness, salvation, new life, resurrection and His Spirit.

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**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**

Matthew 28:19



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What is Baptism?

Why do We Baptize?

Jesus Christ commands his followers in the last chapter of Matthew: "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." (Matthew 28:19)

What is Baptism?

It is one of the ways God gives His grace to us. It is a gift of forgiveness for everyone. Just as good parents bathe their children, God cleanses us from sin in the waters of Baptism.

How Can Water Do These Great Things?

It's not just the water, but the Word of God in and with the water. Without God's Word the water is plain water and not Baptism. But with the Word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of new birth in the Holy Spirit. Baptism is forgiveness, salvation, new life and imparts the Holy Spirit and the promise of resurrection.



God's Word Teaches Us About Baptism



Acts 2:38

And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 22:16

And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on his name.'

1 Peter 3:21

Baptism... now saves you... through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Titus 3:5-8

He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, who He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying.

Romans 6:3-5

³Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We 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. ⁵If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.

How do we get baptized at Grace Lutheran Church?

step 1

visit

www.gracelancaster.com/glcs_039.htm
to read a short article on Baptism

step 2

fill out the on-line form on the
Grace's Baptism web page

step 3

Visit with the pastor
(this is scheduled after your Baptism
form is sent in)

step 4

Get baptized!



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