

**Baptism is a visible sermon that when preached teaches us the reality of the glorious inward work that Christ accomplished in his death, burial, and resurrection and assures us of the promises contained therein.**

I. **Command and Promise (Q. 74 & 76)**

- A. Baptism is a command
- B. The promises connected to baptism

II. **Blood and Spirit (Q. 75)**

- A. Justification and Regeneration
  - 1. Birth of the child of God
  - 2. Transfer from darkness to light
  - 3. Escaping the shackles of the CoW to the freedom of the CoG
- B. Spirit led sanctification
  - 1. Killing remaining sin
  - 2. Pursuing holiness with joy
- C. Pictures pointing to baptism
  - 1. Creation
  - 2. Flood
  - 3. Exodus
  - 4. Jonah
  - 5. Death, burial, and resurrection

III. **Baptism as a Means of Grace**

- A. How do I benefit from the baptism of another?
- B. How do I benefit from my baptism that occurred years ago?

Questions:

- 1. Why do you think so many Baptists in America get baptized multiple time and call it rededication?
- 2. What theological error likely undergirds this rebaptizing?
- 3. How is baptism a means of Grace?
- 4. What truths are proclaimed in baptism?

***Question 74:***

How are you admonished and assured in baptism that you are a partaker of the only sacrifice of Christ?

*Answer:*

Because Christ commanded the outward washing of water joining this promise to it, that I am no less assuredly washed by His blood and Spirit from all uncleanness of my soul, that is, from all my sins, than I am washed outwardly from the filthiness of the body with water.

***Question 75:***

What is it to be washed with the blood and Spirit of Christ?

*Answer:*

It is to receive of God forgiveness of sins freely, for the blood of Christ which He shed for us in His sacrifice upon the cross and also to be renewed by the Holy Spirit, and through His sanctifying of us to become members of Christ, that we may more die to sin, and live holy and without blame.

***Question 76:***

Where does Christ promise us that He will as certainly wash us with His blood and Spirit as we are washed with the water of baptism?

*Answer:*

In the institution of baptism, the words of which are these, go, teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; he that shall believe, and be baptized, shall be saved, but he that will not believe shall be damned. This promise is repeated again when the Scripture calls baptism the washing of the new birth, and forgiveness of sins.