

Introduction

I. Jesus Christ has blessed the church with the precious gift of holy baptism – Matt. 28:19.

II. Do we think about baptism enough?

Thinking on Baptism

I. *The Clear Sign*

A. The water of baptism teaches us that we need spiritual washing because we are dirty in sin.

B. The water of baptism points to what actually washes away sin: Christ's blood and the Holy Spirit.

1. I am not washed with anything else.

2. We are made clean by the blood of Christ – I Peter 3:20, 21

3. The water of baptism points us also to cleansing, washing work of the Holy Spirit – John 1:33; 3:5

II. *The Comforting Seal*

A. Thinking on baptism means believing that our sins are forgiven. I Peter 3:21

B. Thinking on baptism means believing that the Holy Spirit is renewing and sanctifying us (A. 70).

C. Thinking on baptism means believing that we are part of God's family.

III. *The Fitting Life*

A. Thinking about baptism daily should have a profound effect on how we live.

B. There is an urgent and powerful call brought to all those who are baptized – you must not live in ungodliness, but you must live in holiness.