

Lesson 10
Baptism: Sign & Seal of the Covenant of Grace

I. The Nature of Baptism

A. What is baptism?

1. An institution of the Triune God (Matt. 28:16-20)
2. A sacrament of the New Covenant

B. What does baptism mean? (Rom. 4:11-12; Col. 2:11-12)

1. Baptism pictures union with Christ and membership in His church
2. Baptism seals all the promises of God (God is speaking, not man!)

II. The Administration of Baptism

A. How is baptism to be administered?

1. With water (discussion of “mode”)
2. In the name of Father, Son, Holy Spirit
3. By a lawful minister of the Gospel

B. To whom is baptism to be administered?

1. To those to whom it belongs (God does not change!)
2. To believers and their children (household baptism)

III. “Improving” Your Baptism

A. A “needful but much neglected duty” (WLC Q. 167)

B. How baptism “works” (and how it doesn’t!)

Discussion Questions

**How does our covenant theology inform our understanding of what is happening in baptism?
How is our baptism in the past a present help to us in our daily walk with the Lord?**