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Q. 70 Where has Christ promised that He will wash us with His blood and Spirit as surely as we are washed with the water of baptism?

A. In the institution of baptism, where He says: Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.[1] He who believes and is baptized will be saved, but he who does not believe will be condemned.[2] This promise is repeated where Scripture calls baptism the washing of regeneration and the washing away of sins.[3]

[1] [Mat\\_28:19](#); [2] [Mar\\_16:16](#); [3] [Tit\\_3:5](#); [Act\\_22:16](#);

Q. 71 Does this outward washing with water itself wash away sins?

A. No, only the blood of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit cleanse us from all sins.[1]

[1] [Mat\\_3:11](#); [1Pe\\_3:21](#); [1Jo\\_1:7](#).

Q. 72 Why then does the Holy Spirit call baptism the washing of regeneration and the washing away of sins?

A. God speaks in this way for a good reason. He wants to teach us that the blood and Spirit of Christ remove our sins just as water takes away dirt from the body.[1] But, even more important, He wants to assure us by this divine pledge and sign that we are as truly cleansed from our sins spiritually as we are bodily washed with water.[2]

[1] [1Co\\_6:11](#); [Rev\\_1:5](#); [Rev\\_7:14](#). [2] [Mar\\_16:16](#); [Act\\_2:38](#); [Rom\\_6:3-4](#); [Gal\\_3:27](#).

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**If you have a prayer request**, please let me know before the service or write it on the note paper provided and place it in the offering plate. Thank you.

# Cottonwood Community Church

September 2, 2007

Sunday Devotion: 9:30 am

Worship: 10:00 am

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Welcome

Opening Prayer

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 23:14-17

Hymn # 172 *Just As I Am*

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Psalms 37:1-6

**(1) A Psalm of David. Do not fret yourself with evil doers; and do not be envious against the workers of iniquity.**

(2) For they shall soon wither like the grass; and fade as the green herb.

**(3) Trust in Jehovah, and do good; you shall dwell in the land, and you shall be fed on truth. (4) Delight yourself also in Jehovah, and He shall give you the desires of your heart.**

(5) Roll your way on Jehovah; trust also in Him, and He will work.

**(6) And He shall bring forth your righteousness like the light, and your judgment like the noonday.**

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Hymn #160 *Blest Be The Tie*

Mystery Box Message

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

New Testament Reading: Acts 3:1-16

Worship In Song

Congregational Prayer / Lord's Prayer

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Our Father Who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who have sinned against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory forever.

Amen.

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**Sabbath Authority**  
**John 5:1-16**

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I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
the Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:

Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hades.

The third day He arose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,  
whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.

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Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Closing Prayer

Closing Hymn # 42 *God Be with You*

Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14  
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the  
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen