

Westminster Larger Catechism

Q. 165. What is baptism?

A. Baptism is a sacrament of the New Testament, wherein Christ hath ordained the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, to be a sign and seal of ingrafting into himself, of remission of sins by his blood, and regeneration by his Spirit; of adoption, and resurrection unto everlasting life; and whereby the parties baptized are solemnly admitted into the visible church, and enter into an open and professed engagement to be wholly and only the Lord's.

Q. 166. Unto whom is baptism to be administered?

A. Baptism is not to be administered to any that are out of the visible church, and so strangers from the covenant of promise, till they profess their faith in Christ, and obedience to him, but infants descending from parents, either both, or but one of them, professing faith in Christ, and obedience to him, are in that respect within the covenant, and to be baptized.

Q. 167. How is our baptism to be improved by us?

A. The needful but much neglected duty of improving our baptism, is to be performed by us all our life long, especially in the time of temptation, and when we are present at the administration of it to others; by serious and thankful consideration of the nature of it, and of the ends for which Christ instituted it, the privileges and benefits conferred and sealed thereby, and our solemn vow made therein; by being humbled for our sinful defilement, our falling short of, and walking contrary to, the grace of baptism, and our engagements; by growing up to assurance of pardon of sin, and of all other blessings sealed to us in that sacrament; by drawing strength from the death and resurrection of Christ, into whom we are baptized, for the mortifying of sin, and quickening of grace; and by endeavoring to live by faith, to have our conversation in holiness and righteousness, as those that have therein given up their names to Christ; and to walk in brotherly love, as being baptized by the same Spirit into one body.

Cottonwood Community Church

March 14 2010
Fourth Sunday In Lent

Sunday Devotion, 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m.

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Friday Morning Prayer, 7:00 am

Welcome

The Collect

Psalms 88:1-10

(1) O LORD, God of my salvation, I have cried out day and night before You.

(2) Let my prayer come before You; Incline Your ear to my cry.

(3) For my soul is full of troubles, And my life draws near to the grave.

(4) I am counted with those who go down to the pit; I am like a man *who has* no strength,

(5) Adrift among the dead, Like the slain who lie in the grave, Whom You remember no more, And who are cut off from Your hand.

(6) You have laid me in the lowest pit, In darkness, in the depths.

(7) Your wrath lies heavy upon me, And You have afflicted *me* with all Your waves. Selah

(8) You have put away my acquaintances far from me; You have made me an abomination to them; *I am* shut up, and I cannot get out;

(9) My eye wastes away because of affliction. LORD, I have called daily upon You; I have stretched out my hands to You.

(10) Will You work wonders for the dead? Shall the dead arise *and* praise You? Selah

Hymn 118: Crown Him With Many Crowns

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

Hymn 141: Glorious Things Of The Are Spoken

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

New Testament Reading: Revelation 1:10-20

Chorus 165: The Battle Belongs To the Lord

I'm Glad We Cleared That Up
Luke 9:28-36

Congregational Prayer

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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

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

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

Hymn 42: God Be With You

Benediction: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen