

### Question 69

Q. How does holy baptism signify and seal to you that the one sacrifice of Christ on the cross benefits you?

A. In this way: Christ instituted this outward washing[1] and with it gave the promise that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body, so certainly His blood and Spirit wash away the impurity of my soul, that is, all my sins.[2]

[1] Mat 28:19. [2] Mat 3:11; Mar 16:16; Joh 1:33; Act 2:38; Rom 6:3-4; 1Pe 3:21.

### Question 70

Q. What does it mean to be washed with Christ's blood and Spirit?

A. To be washed with Christ's blood means to receive forgiveness of sins from God, through grace, because of Christ's blood, poured out for us in His sacrifice on the cross.[1] To be washed with His Spirit means to be renewed by the Holy Spirit and sanctified to be members of Christ, so that more and more we become dead to sin and lead a holy and blameless life.[2]

[1] Eze 36:25; Zec 13:1; Eph 1:7; Heb 12:24; 1Pe 1:2; Rev 1:5; Rev 7:14. [2] Joh 3:5-8; Rom 6:4; 1Co 6:11; Col 2:11-12.

### Question 71

Q. 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;

# Cottonwood Community Church

October 9, 2011

Sixteenth Sunday After Trinity

Sunday Devotion, 9:15 a.m.

Sunday Worship, 10:00 a.m.

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Welcome

The Collect

Hymn #195 Amazing Grace

**Psalms 40:1-8**

- 1. I waited patiently for the LORD; And He inclined to me, And heard my cry.**
  2. He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, Out of the miry clay, And set my feet upon a rock, *And* established my steps.
  - 3. He has put a new song in my mouth— Praise to our God; Many will see *it* and fear, And will trust in the LORD.**
  4. Blessed *is* that man who makes the LORD his trust, And does not respect the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.
  - 5. Many, O LORD my God, *are* Your wonderful works *Which* You have done; And Your thoughts toward us Cannot be recounted to You in order; *If I would declare and speak of them, They are more than can be numbered.***
  6. Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; My ears You have opened. Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require.
  - 7. Then I said, "Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book *it is* written of me.**
  8. I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law *is* within my heart."
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Hymn #243: Savior Thy Dying Love

Old Testament Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10

Hymn #202: Love Lifted Me

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

New Testament Reading: John 12:12-19

Chorus #1: Seek Ye First

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**Deliberately Provocative**

Matthew 21:1-11

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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.

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Hymn 42: God Be With You

Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom *be* glory forever and ever. Amen.