Lesson Two(1/17/16)

Christian Life = Daily Baptism

"Lastly, we must also know **what Baptism signifies**, and why God has ordained just such external sign and ceremony for the Sacrament by which we are first received into the Christian Church" (LC IV 64).

"But the act or ceremony is this, that we are sunk under the water, which passes over us, and afterwards are drawn out again. These two parts, to be sunk under the water and drawn out again, signify the power and operation of Baptism, which is nothing else than

- (1) putting to death the old Adam,
- (2) and after that the resurrection of the new man,

both of which must take place in us all our lives, so that a truly Christian life is nothing else than a daily baptism, once begun and ever to be continued. For this must be practiced without ceasing, that we ever keep purging away whatever is of the old Adam, and that that which belongs to the new man come forth" (LC IV 65).

EPHESIANS 4

Eph. 1:13-14 "In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, **you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise**, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance...."

ONE BAPTISMsignifies→	DAILY BAPTISM
Ephesians 4:4-6, "There is one body	Ephesians 4:1, "I beseech you to walk worthy of
and one Spirit, just as you were called	the calling with which you were called"
in one hope of your calling; ⁵ one Lord,	
one faith, one baptism; 6one God and	Ephesians 4:20-24, "But you have not so learned
Father of all, who is above all, and	Christ, ²¹ if indeed you have heard Him and have been
through all, and in you all."	taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: ²² that you put
	off, concerning your former conduct, the old man
Galatians 3:26-27, "For you are all	which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,
sons of God through faith in Christ	²³ and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and
Jesus . ²⁷ For as many of you as were	that you put on the new man which was created
baptized into Christ have put on	according to God, in true righteousness and
Christ."	holiness."

Ephesians 5:11, "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them."

Ephesians 5:25-27, "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, ²⁶that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish."

Luke 9:23, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me."

Ephesians 4 (NKJV)

¹ I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, ² with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, ³ endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ *There is* one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.

But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. 8

Therefore He says: "

When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men."

⁹ (Now this, "He ascended"—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) ¹¹ And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, ¹⁵ but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

¹⁷ This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, ¹⁸ having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; ¹⁹ who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

²⁰ But you have not so learned Christ, ²¹ if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: ²² that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, ²³ and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵ Therefore, putting away lying, "Let *each one* of you *speak truth with his neighbor*," for we are members of one another. ²⁶ "*Be angry, and do not sin*": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, ²⁷ nor give place to the devil. ²⁸ Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with *his* hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need.

²⁹ Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. ³² And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.