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What is Baptism?

SMALL CATECHISM

Baptism is not just plain water,  
but it is the water  
included in God's command  
and combined with God's Word

Which is that word of God?

Christ our Lord says  
in the last chapter of Matthew:

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations  
baptizing them in the name of  
the Father and of the Son and of  
the Holy Spirit." (Mt 28:19)

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baptize (βαπτίζω) - to apply water

method  
never  
stated

by immersing  
by washing  
by pouring  
by sprinkling

Mk 7:4 And they observe many other traditions  
such as the washing of cups, pitchers, and kettles.

for  
only

— Mt 3:11 "I baptize you with water for repentance."

Titus 3:5 "He saved us through the washing of rebirth  
and renewal by the Holy Spirit."

Act 2:41 3,000 are baptized

Act 22:16 (Acts 9:18, 19) Paul baptized in the house

Mt 3:5, Mk 1:5 John baptized men and women

Mt 3:16 And when Jesus had been baptized,  
he went up out of the water.

(stepped out of the water)

# God's Command (mandate)

v.16 Then the eleven disciples  
(Apostles)

v.18 Then Jesus came to them and said,

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."

Therefore

A. go and

B. make disciples

of all nations

water and word

1. baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and

2. teaching them to obey "observe" everything

I have commanded you

And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age

God's Command

WORDS

Baptizing them (Command) descriptive

"In the name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit."

What about?

Acts 2:38 "...and he baptized, every one of you  
in the name of Jesus Christ..."

Acts 10:48 "And he commanded them to be baptized  
in the name of the Lord."

Acts 19:4 "they were baptized in the name  
of the Lord Jesus.

These <sup>are</sup> descriptive of what baptism does  
not telling what particular words were used.

Rom 6:3-4 "Or don't you know that all of us  
who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized  
into His death? We were united with Him through  
baptism into death in order that just as Christ was  
raised from the dead, we too may live a new  
life."

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Who is to "Go and make disciples by baptizing and teaching?"

① Mt 28:18 "Jesus came to them and said..."  
Mk 16:15-16  
"Apostles"

② New Testament examples have Apostles baptizing  
Acts 2 Peter; Acts 8 Philip, Act 16 Paul Acts 18  
Acts 10 1Co 1

③ others called by God and sent by Apostles  
are the successors to this office.

1Cor 4:1 "So then men ought to regard us  
as servants of Christ as those entrusted  
with the secret things of God."

Acts 20:28 "Keep watch over yourselves and all  
the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you  
overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God..."  
(to the pastors)

Act 9 Ananias, Acts 16 Silas (Paul's companions)

④ In cases of emergency, any Christian can baptize.  
1Cor 14:40 "... in a fitting and orderly way"

# 17 Who is to be baptized?

Mt 28:19 "all nations" (None are excluded)

Acts 2:39 "Repent and be baptized every one of you... The promise is for you and for your children, and for all who are far off, for all whom the Lord our God will call.

Acts 16:15 Lydia and her household

Acts 18:8 Crispus and his household

Acts 16:33 Jailer and household

1 Cor 1:16 Stephanus household

John 3:5 "No one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit."

Eph 2:3 "Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath."

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What about infants?

Luke 18:15-17

People were bringing little babies to Jesus to have him touch them...

"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Mt 18:6

"If anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin..."

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"all nations" Mt 28:19

"for your children" Acts 2:39

"households" Acts 16, 18 1Co1

born again John 3

first birth - wrath Eph 2:3

Make disciples by  
baptizing and teaching

For adults - teach first, then baptize

Acts 2:1-41 preached, then

v.41 "Those who received his message  
were baptized."

Acts 8:26-39 Ethiopian taught

Acts 16:25-33 jailer taught

For children - baptize first, then teach

See Acts 16:15	Lydia household
Acts 16:33	Jailer household
Acts 18:8	Crispus household
1 Co 1:16	Stephens household

Baptize and Teach go together!



Who is not to be baptized?

1) Those adults who do not believe and/or do not lead Christian lives (follow the teaching)

Mr 3: 7-8 "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance."

2) Those children whose parents do not profess the Christian faith. (Will not teach the children)

1 Cor 7:14 "Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is they are holy."

Eph 2:12 "...remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenant of the promise, without hope and without God in the world."