

Question 128

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Q128. In whose name are we baptized?

A128. In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

Scripture Base: Mark 1: 9-11

Doctrine: WCF 28 SC 94, 95

Supplementary Questions

1. Why did Jesus tell His disciples to baptize in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

2. When we are baptized, who is actually applying the water to us?

Song: "What is a Sacrament?" – Judy Rogers

Teaching Notes

Review Q126. What sign is used in baptism? - *The washing with water.*
Q127. What does this signify? - *That we are cleansed from sin by the blood of Christ.*

Story: Baptism of Jesus Mark 1:9-11

Questions

1. Because we are to be baptized in the name of the triune God, and His name is Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:19). *This would be a good place to review the Trinity, because salvation is the work of the three persons of the Godhead.*

The Father chooses whom He will save and sends His Son to save them (Eph. 1:4; John 3:16).

The Son becomes a man, lives and dies for those the Father has chosen, and then sends the Spirit to apply His work (Phil. 2:5-8; John 15:26).

The Spirit takes what Jesus did and applies it to those the Father chose (Titus 3:5-7).

2. Baptism is performed by an elder who represents God in this act. The Lord is the One who appointed baptism in His church (Matt. 28:19).

It is the sign of His covenant and His mark of ownership on us. The elders merely represent the Lord in applying the water.

Gospel: Because Baptism is done in the name of Triune God, it reminds us that God alone can save us. The Father is the One who sent His Son. The Son is the One who came and died on the cross. The Spirit is the only One who can apply what Jesus did to us. This is why Jesus tells us that He is the **only** way to God, because He is the only way God has provided, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me" (John 14:6). If you are to be saved from the consequences of your sins, you must trust in Jesus to save you. This is one of the things of which baptism reminds you.

Activity: Father, Son & Holy Ghost verse worksheet.

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