

Questions 129 - 132

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Q129. Who are to be baptized?

A129. Believers and their children.

Q130. Why should infants be baptized ?

A130. Because they have a sinful nature and need a Savior.

Q131. Does Christ care for little children?

A131. Yes; for He says, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God."

Q132. To what does your baptism bind you?

A132. To be a true follower of Christ.

Scripture Base: Gen. 17:10-11; Acts 2:39-41, 8:37, 16:14 -15, 31- 34; 1 Cor. 1:16; Col 2:11-12

Doctrine: WCF 28 SC 94, 95

Supplementary Questions

1. What does the Bible say a person must do before they are baptized?
2. Why then should infants and children be baptized if they have not repented and believed?
3. If children are to be baptized, does this mean that they have truly repented and believed (that they are saved)?

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

Teaching Notes

Review: Q128. In whose name are we baptized?

- *In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.*

Readings: Gen. 17:10-11; Col 2:11-12; Acts 2:38-39

Questions

1. They must repent of their sins and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation (Acts 2:38-41).
2. The Lord graciously includes the children of believing parents in His covenant relationship. Children are part of the believer's household; the Lord does not deal with the believer without also dealing with those who are part of his house.
When the Lord established His covenant with Abraham, He also included Abraham's children (his household) (Gen. 17:7).
When God's people brought their babies to Jesus for Him to bless, He received and blessed them and said the kingdom of heaven belongs to these by way of promise (Luke 18:15-16).
3. No, no more so than when an adult is baptized (not everyone who is baptized truly believes). It simply means the Lord includes these children in the *visible* church along with their parents who profess the truth faith (explain the difference between the visible and invisible church). It also means that He gives them certain privileges for which He will hold them accountable. Like the Jews under the Old Covenant, they have many privileges, including God's Word (Rom. 3:1-2). They also have the blessings of being God's children, Gospel worship and God's promises, (Rom. 9:3-5).
If children receive God's Word, turn from their sins, and trust in Christ, they will receive the promised blessings. But if they reject the Gospel, they will be punished more severely, (Lk 12:47-48).

Gospel: Baptism is the sign of God's covenant. It marks out those who belong to Him, but it is also a sign and seal of salvation through Christ's death and resurrection. Baptism reminds you that you need Jesus Christ as your Savior to take away your sins and bring you to heaven. It reminds you that you will never be good enough. You need His sacrifice on the cross. You need His obedience to God's Law (righteousness). If you have been baptized, that does not mean that you are saved, but that you need to trust in Jesus Christ to save you (Eph 2:8-9).

Activity: Baptism/Circumcision w/s Song: "What is a Sacrament?" – Judy Rogers