

Baptism:  
Union With Christ by Faith,  
in His Death and Resurrection



*What is the inward and spiritual grace given in Baptism?*

*The inward and spiritual grace is death to sin and new birth to righteousness, through union with Christ in his death and resurrection. I am born a sinner by nature, separated from God. But in Baptism, through faith in Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit, I am made a member of Christ's Body and adopted as God's child and heir.*

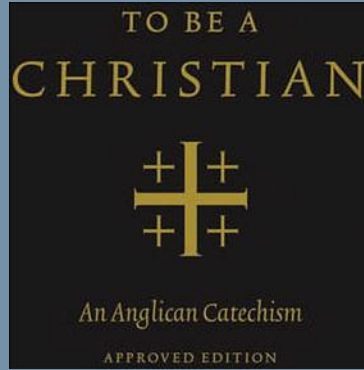
*(Psalm 51:1–2, 7–10; Ezekiel 36:25–26; John 3:3–5; Romans 6:1–11; Colossians 2:9–14)*

A close-up photograph of a baby with a large green bow in her hair. She is holding a white toy phone with a black and white zigzag pattern to her ear. Her mouth is wide open in a shocked or surprised expression, and her eyes are wide. She is wearing a green patterned top.

**So today, in church,  
a guy in a dress tried to drown me**

**And, I kid you not,  
my family just stood there  
taking pictures!**

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*Why is it appropriate to baptize infants?*

*Because it is a sign of God's promise that they are embraced in the covenant community of Christ's Church. Those who in faith and repentance present infants to be baptized vow to raise them in the knowledge and fear of the Lord, with the expectation that they will one day profess full Christian faith as their own.*

*(Acts 2:39)*

*The Apostle Peter said, as he proclaimed the Gospel on Pentecost morning:*

*“Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself”*

*(Acts 2:38-39).*



*Commentary on Romans (215 AD)*

*For this also it was that the church had from the Apostles a tradition to give baptism even to infants. Origen*



## *Apostolic Tradition (215 AD)*

*And they shall baptize the little children first. And if they can answer for themselves, let them answer. But if they cannot, let their parents answer or someone from their family. And next they shall baptism the grown men; and last the women.*



*For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter...1 Cor 15*

*Apostles' Creed - He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried*

*Nicene Creed - For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.*



*In him you were also circumcised,  
in the putting off of the sinful nature,  
not with a circumcision done  
by the hands of men  
but with the circumcision done by Christ,  
having been buried with him in baptism  
and raised with him through your faith  
in the power of God,  
who raised him from the dead.*

*(Col 2:11-13)*

*Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.*

*Romans 6:3- 7*

## *Buried with Christ*



1 The fact that Jesus was buried is further evidence that He was dead and that in fact Jesus died for our sins. Justice is getting what you deserve. Mercy is not getting what you deserve. They are opposites. The cross of Christ brings them together in such a profound and wonderful way.

## *Buried with Christ*



2 Our sins are buried with Christ. *The inward and spiritual grace is death to sin and new birth to righteousness, through union with Christ in his death and resurrection.* When we repent and ask God's forgiveness our sins are buried with Christ, why go dig up something that is dead.

## *Buried with Christ*



3 The burial of Jesus was part of His suffering for us. What was it like for Jesus, the Son of God, to be dead and buried? The more I consider what it meant for Jesus to be dead and buried, the more I began experience His love for me. He was willing to suffer and die and be buried, so I could be united with Him dying to sin and being given a new and eternal life in Him.