



CrossWalk NOTES

Sacramentum

Fuel for the Journey

The Cleansing Power of Baptism

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¹⁸For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, ¹⁹through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison ²⁰who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, ²¹and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him. (1 Peter 3:18-22, NIV).

⁶And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, ⁷maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. (Exodus 34:6-7, NIV)

Grace = _____

¹⁶I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes. (Romans 1:16, NIV)

Means of grace = _____

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

Sacrament = _____

⁴When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash (literally "baptize"). And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing ("baptizing") of cups, pitchers and kettles [and some ancient copies of the Bible add to this list "couches"]. (Mark 7:4, NIV)

Baptism = _____

¹⁴"Then he said: 'The God of our fathers has chosen you to know his will and to see the Righteous One and to hear words from his mouth. ¹⁵You will be his witness to all men of what you have seen and heard. ¹⁶And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.' (Acts 22:14-16, NIV)

1. Baptism washes away my _____.

²⁶You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, ²⁷for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourself with Christ. (Galatians 3:26-27, NIV)

2. Baptism washes away my _____.

³⁸Peter replied, "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. (Acts 2:38, NIV)

³Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? ⁴For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. (Romans 6:3-4, NLT)

3. Baptism washes away my _____.

My next steps in the "Cross-Walk":

- Know the clean feeling that only baptism can give. If you haven't been baptized, take time today to talk to Pastor Jeff.
- Re-up your baptism through repentance: sorrow over sin, faith in Christ, and a recommitment to walk in obedience to Christ is how a Christ-follower "re-ups" his baptism daily.
- Meditate on and memorize Acts 2:38.