

New City Catechism Class

Week Forty-Five

Q45: Is baptism with water the washing away of sin itself?

A45: No, only the blood of Christ and the renewal of the Holy Spirit can cleanse us from sin.

Luke 3:16 “John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. (ESV)

- How does Acts 2:38 connect with Matthew 28:19?

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- When does the baptism of the Holy Spirit happen?

Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 12:13

- What is the connection between water baptism and the baptism with the Holy Spirit?

Water baptism _____ all that is done by the Holy Spirit as He _____ the blood of Christ to _____ us from our sin and _____ us to newness of life.

- How is water baptism connected to the baptism of the Spirit in 1 Corinthians 12:12-13?

Colossians 2:11-12

- When should a person be water baptized? Options:

- When an infant.
- Immediately upon profession of faith without respect to age or maturity.
- When the person’s profession of faith is reasonably credible.
- When the person has reached a degree of maturity whereby it is clear that his faith has become his own (“he stands on his own two feet”).
- When the person has a credible profession of faith and is ready to participate in full membership in the local church.

Have you been baptized?

If not, are you willing to obey Christ in this covenant sign?