

Name _____

MAKE UP WORK

From: Benefits of BAPTISM (April 14, 2010)

Multiple Choice: (Circle the correct answer.)

1. In baptism
 - a. we become heirs of eternal life.
 - b. we receive the forgiveness of sins.
 - c. we are freed to new life with God forever.
 - d. all of the above.

2. We are a priesthood of all believers because
 - a. only priests and pastors can pray to God.
 - b. only priests and pastors can baptize.
 - c. only priests and pastors can read the Bible.
 - d. all the baptized share in the ministry of the gospel and in the life of the church.

3. At the baptism service we say, "Let your light so shine before others"
 - a. that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.
 - b. that they might see in you the light they are missing as sinners.
 - c. that they might want to be as good as you and so come to be baptized.
 - d. that all may know that you have earned God's favor.

4. *Gospel* means
 - a. a special book in the Bible.
 - b. angel-blessed.
 - c. spoken by God.
 - d. good news.
 - e. A and D.

5. Baptism is considered by Lutherans to be
 - a. an important rite of passage.
 - b. a symbol of how much an individual loves God.
 - c. a sacrament.
 - d. a special way to honor God.

6. The following people are not allowed to baptize people even in extreme situations
 - a. Kids
 - b. Youth directors
 - c. All of the above
 - d. None of the above

Skit: Seriously!

Read the skit and answer these questions:

1. What is a gift? How do you think Ava was having a hard time receiving one?
2. What two reasons did Rachel & Nathan have for wanting to give Ava a gift?
3. How is Baptism like a gift?

CHARACTERS: Ava (birthday girl), Rachel (a friend), Nathan (a friend). PROPS: bench, wrapped present
(AVA is sitting on a bench in the middle of the stage. She's just hanging out. RACHEL and NATHAN run up to her with a big wrapped present.)

RACHEL: Happy birthday!

NATHAN: Hey! We got you something (*hands her the gift*).

AVA: Whoa! You guys! Seriously, that is so nice. Cool!

RACHEL: Open it!

AVA: Oh...I can't. I don't have any money right now. I can't buy it. (*NATHAN and RACHEL look at each other.*)

NATHAN: What? You don't have to buy anything. It's just a gift.

RACHEL: It's your birthday.

AVA: Yeah, well...if you guys want to wait, I can open it on Friday when I get paid and I can pay you for it then.

RACHEL: What are you talking about? We paid for it. You don't have to pay for it: it's a gift!

AVA: OK...But, seriously, can I work for it?

NATHAN: No! We're giving it to you; it's a present. You're our friend! Take it!

AVA: Okay, well, what did you pay for it? I'll give you guys birthday presents that have the same value.

RACHEL: No! You're not getting it. You can't earn it; you can't pay for it; you can't work for it. We love you and we're giving you a birthday present. Happy birthday!

NATHAN: Yeah! (*not mad, but loud*) Happy Birthday!

AVA: Seriously?

RACHEL: Yes.

NATHAN: YES!

AVA: Seriously, seriously?

NATHAN: No!

RACHEL: (*whacks NATHAN in the arm*) YES!

AVA: But what if...

RACHEL: No! It's a gift. Happy birthday. We love you...seriously.

NATHAN: Seriously, seriously.

AVA: Thanks...seriously.

ALL TOGETHER: Seriously, seriously!

Handbook Connection

In *The Lutheran Handbook* entitled, turn to "Family Tree of Christianity," page 70. What denominations are represented within your extended family?

Turn to "The Sacrament of Holy Baptism," page 214. Fill in the blanks.

What is Baptism?

Baptism is _____ simply _____ . Instead it is water used according to _____ and connected with _____ .

What then is the Word of God?

Where our Lord Jesus Christ say in Matthew 28:19, "_____ therefore and make _____ of all _____, baptizing them in the name of the _____ and of the _____ and of the _____ .

What gifts or benefits does Baptism grant?

It brings about _____ of _____, redeems from _____ and the _____, and give eternal _____ to all who _____ it, as the Word and promise of God declare.

What is this Word and promise of God?

Where our Lord Jesus Christ says in Mark 16:16, "The one who _____ and is _____ will be _____; but the one who does not _____ will be _____."

How can water do such great things?

Clearly the water _____ do it, but the _____ of _____,

Bible Connections

Read Ephesians 1:3-14. In these verses Paul talks about the many blessings we receive in Christ as baptized believers. List two:

1. (1:7) _____
2. (1:13) _____

Read Colossians 3:1-14 The image of "dying to sin" and being raised to new life permeates this text. What might that mean?

Key Words

Write a definition for these words.

DAILY REPENTANCE

FORGIVENESS

Closing Questions

Name some of the groups and organizations you belong to. How did you become a member?
How do you stay a member?

How is being a member of your family and church the same and different from the other groups you belong to?

If someone who was not a Christian asked you why they should be baptized, what would you say?