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FUNDOCY Homework: Sacraments: Baptism & Communion

Lesson Taught on Sunday, February 10

Homework Due: Sunday, February 24

We were baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We belong to the family of God and are inheritors of eternal life. In baptism we were adopted into the family of God, named and claimed, and sealed with the mark of Christ forever. This is good news! Will you tell others or keep it to yourself? Will you pass on the faith? What's next?

Part I: The Lesson

1. Read Matthew 3:13-17, which tells the story of Jesus' baptism. What did the voice from heaven say after Jesus had been baptized?

2. In baptism, we are made children of God, marked with the cross of Christ and sealed with the Holy Spirit *forever*. How does this compare to what happened to Jesus when he was baptized?

3. Read Romans 6:3-4 and complete the verse:

"Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his _____? Therefore we have been _____ with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was _____ from the dead by the glory of the _____, so we too might walk in newness of _____".

4. Read Acts 22:16. According to this verse, what happens to our sins when we are baptized?

5. Read Colossians 1:13-14. According to this verse, what has God rescued us from?

6. Read 1 Peter 3:20-22. According to this verse, how does baptism save us?

7. Read Matthew 28:16-20. This is known as the "Great Commission". What does Jesus instruct the disciples to do? "_____, therefore, and make _____ of all nations, _____ them in the name of the Father, and of the _____, and of the Holy Spirit, and _____ them to obey everything that I have commanded you."

8. You can “baptize and teach” if you’re not a pastor by:
 - a. Becoming ordained
 - b. Getting a special permit
 - c. Watching pastors and being perfect like they are
 - d. Bringing friends to Christ, inviting them to church and living a Christ-like example

9. Jesus commanded his followers to:
 - a. Sit and wait
 - b. Baptize and teach
 - c. Stand up and cheer
 - d. Be quiet and listen to the lecture

10. Borrow a hymnal (the red book we use during worship) from church to read through the baptismal service (it begins on page 227).
 - a. In baptism, your parents made a series of promises about how they will raise you. These promises are found on page 228. Name three things your parents promised to do:
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 - b. Ask your parents *why* they wanted to have you baptized. Record their answer here:

 - c. Turn to page 230. When the pastor baptizes the child (or adult), they baptize in the name of the _____, and the _____, and the _____.

11. Words are spoken over the water in baptism because:
 - a. We don’t like silence
 - b. Pastors are paid by the number of words they speak
 - c. God’s Word is the sign and holy seal of baptism
 - d. A good speaking voice is pleasing to God

12. Baptism is necessary because:
 - a. It keeps pastors employed
 - b. It keeps churches busy
 - c. Jesus commanded it and said it was even necessary for himself,

d. It uses up extra water

13. We baptize babies...:

- a. Because the first disciples of Jesus baptized whole households
- b. Because Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me,"
- c. A and B
- d. Good question, ask your pastor

14. Romans 6:3-4, the verse of the week tells us:

- a. Being buried can be fun
- b. We should walk a mile every day
- c. Jesus buries us in paperwork during confirmation
- d. Just as Christ died and rose again, through baptism we die to the old sinful self and rise to newness of life

Part II: Reflection Questions (There are NO wrong answers here!)

1. What does your name mean? (If you don't know...ask your parents, or use the internet to try to find out)

2. Who chose your name and why did they choose it? (Talk to your parents if you don't know)

3. In baptism, God gives each of us a new name: Christian! Just as your last name connects you with a family, a history, and a heritage, the name Christian connects you with a new family—the church. Even more important than the new family, in baptism, you are connected to Christ. How does knowing that you are connected to Christ make a difference in your life? (How does it help you?)

4. A friend says, "You can't baptize babies because they are not old enough to repent and accept Jesus." How do you answer?

5. There are seven different meanings for the word "baptize" in Greek (the New Testament language). They include to dip, to submerge, to wash and to sprinkle. These varying translations have led

different churches and denominations to practice baptism in varying ways (sometimes people are just sprinkled with water, sometimes they are completely submerged, sometimes they are held under for a little while, sometimes they are just dipped...) Which of these do you think is the best way to baptize? Why?

Jesus took the ancient Passover meal of remembrance and transformed it into a new meal of freedom, power and hope. When we share in the Lord's Supper today, we receive the living presence of Christ, God's forgiveness and a glimpse of the full communion we will have with Christ in the life to come. If baptism is the birth of a Christian, Christ's body and blood are the food that sustains us. In this meal, He offers forgiveness, life, and salvation. So what now?

Part I: The Lesson

15. Read 1 Corinthians 10:16-17. The Apostle Paul (who wrote 1 Corinthians) teaches that the cup of wine at Holy Communion is a sharing in the _____ of Christ and the bread is a sharing in the _____ of Christ.
16. Read Exodus 12:1-14. Here, the Israelites are instructed to sacrifice an unblemished lamb. What are they to do with the lamb's blood?

What does God promise to do when God sees the blood (verse 13)?

What plague was it that God promised to save the Israelites from?

Who was Israel's enemy at the time?

17. In verse 14, the Israelites are taught that this ceremony is to be a day of remembrance, and they are to celebrate this festival for many generations. TRUE or FALSE (circle one).
18. The Passover (as described in the Exodus passage you just read) was God's central saving act in Israel's history. On the night in which Jesus was betrayed, he took the Passover meal (which continued to be a symbol of God's power and freedom from slavery) and transformed it into a meal

which has come to mean freedom from sin and God's power to forgive. Read Matthew 26:26-28.
What is one element that this passage has in common with the passage you read in Exodus?

19. The very first enactment of communion came at:

- a. The 7th inning of a Yankees-Orioles game
- b. Maundy (command) Thursday
- c. A celebration of the Passover
- d. B & C

20. Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. Jesus says that "as often as you eat this _____ and drink this _____, you proclaim the Lord's _____ until he comes". What do you think this means? (Talk with your parents if you need some help)

21. We no longer have animal sacrifice for forgiveness as in the Old Testament because:

- a. Animals got smart and hired bodyguards
- b. Animals are too expensive
- c. In Jesus, God supplied the perfect sacrifice once and for all

22. Read Luke 22:19-20. When (during a worship service) does the Pastor say these words?

Read Mark 14:22-24. Jesus says "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for _____".

Who do you think Jesus would invite to the communion table?

Why?

23. The wine we use for communion is regular wine, bought from the regular wine store. The bread we use is regular bread, bought from Boyer's. Before the church service, the bread and wine are just "normal" bread and wine...they don't mean anything special or do anything special. But when we receive the bread and wine at communion, they *do* mean something special and they *do* do something special.

How do the bread and wine become different during communion? (if you need help, talk with Pastor Jen, Pastor Bill, or your parents)

24. A sacrifice is:

- a. Giving up something of value for another's well-being
- b. Someone or something that takes the place and the punishment for someone else
- c. An "out" that allows the advance of the runner
- d. All of the above

25. We should prepare for Holy Communion by:

- a. Confessing our sins
- b. Making amends
- c. Seeking forgiveness
- d. All of the above

26. The gifts of Holy Communion include:

- a. Forgiveness of sin,
- b. Life,
- c. Salvation.
- d. All of the above

Part II: Reflection Questions (There are NO wrong answers here!)

6. What does Holy Communion have to do with Passover?

7. A friend says, "The bread and wine actually turn into flesh and blood in communion. You just can't see it." How do you answer them?

8. A friend says, "The bread and wine are simply a symbol of Jesus. Jesus isn't really there." How do you answer?

9. What do you think happens to the bread and wine during Holy Communion?

10. Does it matter what kind of bread and wine are used for communion? _____

Would potato chips and grape soda work just as well? _____ Why or why not?
