

God's Promise – The Sacrament of Baptism - 6/6/21

What did you learn about baptism today?

What will stick with you from today's baptism service?

What are you going to struggle with from today's service?

What stood out to you/did you need to hear from Colossians 3?

We are better together than we are alone!

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The most spiritual thing you will ever do is choose.

"...set your hearts on things above..."

What we love is...

"Set your minds on things above..."

Where you look is where you land.

Your new life is not just "different" from your old one.

2 Corinthians 5:17 –

"You used to... in the life you once lived."

What we DO flows out of WHO WE ARE!

¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

LOVED people LOVE people.

UNITED people UNITE people.

We are stronger together than we ever could be alone.

We were not created to live this life alone!

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Sacrament of Baptism

Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's Holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price. Baptism is a moment in the Christian community when we recognize the grace of God living in each creation. This sacrament symbolizes the free gift of love that God has for us and offers to us long before we are able to do anything to earn that love.

Your salvation is not determined by this baptism. You have been saved by grace through your faith in Jesus. Baptism is the sign and seal of God's promises to this covenant people. Baptism is a SIGN of God's promise in that it is the visible manifestation of an invisible (Spiritual) reality. Baptism is a SEAL in that it confirms God's covenant promises to us, His people.

Question for the church family...

Do you promise to love, encourage, and support Adam/Jaman by teaching the gospel of God's love & grace, by being an example of Christian faith and character, and by giving the strong support of God's family in fellowship, prayer, and service?

We do... and with God's help we will proclaim the Good News and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Adam/Jaman with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his trust of God, and be found faithful in his service to others. We will pray for him, that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

Welcoming Adam/Jaman to our Church family...

Now it is our joy to officially welcome our new brother...

Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of this family of Christ.

Romans 6:3-11

³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ 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.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin - ⁷ because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Colossians 3:1-14

¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶ Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸ But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. ⁹ Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. ¹¹ Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

¹² Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.