

THE MEANS OF GRACE

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What benefits does Baptism give?

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

**Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.
(Mark 16:16)**

FOR SHARING

1. Most jobs include salary or wage and benefits. In what ways are these benefits vital to our daily welfare?
2. What, according to Martin Luther's explanation, are Baptism's benefits? How does each benefit apply to your daily life?
3. Baptism saves. But what condemns? Give an example of how a person can be a Christian and not be baptized.
4. At His baptism, Jesus publicly identified Himself with sinful human beings and revealed Himself as our substitute (Matthew 3:13–17). How does Your Baptism identify you with Christ? In what ways is He your substitute?
5. How can the daily remembrance of your Baptism bring you joy and comfort in life?

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I praise You for the many benefits that You have given to me through my Baptism. I especially thank You for the forgiveness of all my sins, life, and salvation. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, keep me ever mindful of Your rich blessings through water and the Word. In Jesus' name. Amen.