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So, How can I benefit from my baptism?

The fact that there is great value and benefit in Christian, baptism should be an obvious truth to anyone who takes the word of God. Seriously, We see baptisms value. When we consider one, the person who instituted and applies it the Lord Jesus Christ. We have Matthew 2. Now, 28 Matthew 28.

Verse 19, go, therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. And I'm going to verse 20, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you and low. I am with you always even to the end of the age.

Amen. 2. The most high god showing himself willing to covenant with sinful man. In grace, We have two revenges down to first with Genesis 17 verse 7 through 10. I'm trying. There we go. And I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your descendants, after you, and their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants.

After you Also, I give to you in your descendants after you, the land in, which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan as an everlasting position. And I will be their God and God said to Abraham. As for you you shall keep my covenant. You and your descendants after you throughout their generations.

This is my covenant, which you shall keep between me and you and your descendants after you every male child among, you shall be circumcised. And also we move to get rid of that. Now to Acts 2:39 we'll be going back to x2 the 3839 spot quite frequently throughout this whole this whole book which I believe I should be able to finish today.

So, Acts 2:39 for the promise, is to you and to your children and to all who are a far off as many as the Lord, our God will call. And then three the Holy Spirit personally promised and sent to us as a helper until Christ returns John 14:15 through 18.

I did not have that mark soapy in a moment.

If you ask anything in my name, I will do it. If you love me, keep my commandments and I will pray to the Father and He will give you another helper that he may abide with you forever. And I said now through 18 and I will Now the Spirit of truth and the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him but you know him for he dwells with you and will be in you.

I will not leave you orphans. I will come to you. Okay. So the pole of the Trinity is a very apparent within the value of baptism and everything about that baptism. So I will be reading some parts straight from the book many parts of it. You know. I was these In many ways, much wiser, man than I, so, there's certain words that I didn't think I could pool out and expound upon, or put my own words.

So, every now and it'll be straight from the book. So it's benefits become. Apparently, we consider the great gospel, blessing, signified and sealed and baptism you and union with

Christ. The washing away of sins. By his blood regeneration, by the Spirit, The father's adopting love in newness of life, for all that is obvious.

However, what does not seem as obvious? Is the answer to the question? How can I benefit from my baptism and question 167? The Westminster larger catechism refers to this as the needful but much neglected duty of improving our baptism. These questions ought to impress, our consciences. How have I profited from?

Baptism. Can I profit from it? More, In many cases, the benefits of baptism have been stunted or canceled through abuse.

On the one hand, the claimer suggests that the waters of baptisms automatically affect the forgiveness of sins is a dangerous delusion to resume that regeneration. Inevitably accompanies or follows baptism is equally dangerous On the other hand regarding baptism, merely as a profession or personal of personal faith. Rob's the sacrament of its deep spiritual meaning and benefit If the larger catechism is correct.

And arguably the greatest culprit for not benefiting from baptism is either neglect or lacking awareness of what the scriptures teach about. Baptism The best way to remember these remedy. These problems are first to understand the benefits of baptism and second to know how we benefit from baptism.

So, before we get into the seven points that this book puts forward, we have Quote, from and half of these names, I'm going to mispronounce but the hellness at broccol and that is where we'll start there. He exhorts be reminded of your baptism as often as you hear your name mentioned, baptism, only happens.

Once Now here's what's done Baptism, only happens once Not whenever you feel like it. Not when you think that you've had a season of backsliding and suddenly feel renewed in your faith, hear that quite a bit. The Spirit is only poured out once. And God forbid, we put him to the test.

You are baptized once but the benefits. Derived from baptism through faith in Christ. And with the spirit's blessing, our lifelong. So With all that covered, how can we how can I benefit we benefit from our baptism? One, I recognizing that God has what God has done for me. In Christ By responding in faith to what God has done for me in Christ by raising up covenant, children in the fear of God by thankfully acknowledging God's covenant provisions by seeking a personal and saving relationship with Christ By living a dependent and thankful life.

That glorifies that God that saved me by proclaiming the gospel to others. So 1 by recognizing what God has done for me. In Christ, Start with the misery of not comprehending or appreciating and I'm wrong. There we go. So, this is one of the quotes that starts with that.

I wanted to have some clarity on. So, So Lewis Louie. Berkhoff he right rights. We are no richer than our comprehension of what we possess and that it is the true appreciation of our wealth, which determines the measure of enjoyment derived from it. So with that, I both agree and disagree in the sense that we

They only in the sense of we are no richer than our comprehension of what we possess That is not true. In this sense. The blessings are there we are. That rich Christ does not do His work partially in unfulfilled when we are baptized. That is all there in a parent.

Ready to be acted upon. Now, what is, What is obvious and true about? This is we won't, we might not. Wait, obviously can't comprehend all of it. We are very finite creatures. We will not in

this life, be able to fully comprehend and understand the benefits of baptism and how to continue to benefit from that.

But that does not mean all the blessings. Aren't there? They are there. It's just how we act upon that respond to that, either with willful negligence, which Also we see a lot of plain ignorance because we are finite creatures. We don't act upon it as we ought, and that kind of starts out things very well because they're the rest of this will address mainly on the sense of ignorance.

I mean, we were asking the question how can I benefit from my baptism? Hobbies, we want to know more because we are finite creatures with much remaining ignorance. So we're gonna with helping me recognize what I was before. Grace. We have two scripture references. We're going to first Corinthians 6, nine second half of verse 9, through verse 11.

First, Corinthians 6, Second half of verse 9, through 11 of the whole verse verse 9. Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived neither, fornicators or idolaters nor adulterers, or homosexuals, or sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous nor drunkards, nor violers nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

In such were some of you but you are washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus. And by the Spirit of our God. Next we go to Psalm 73.

And just talk about our previous state recognize what we were before grace, and I did forget to put in the verses for this.

So beginning so verse 21 through 23, you see ASAP. Speaking of His realization of before he came into the house of God to worship. That's my heart was grieved and I was vexed in my mind. I was so foolish and ignorant. I was like the beast before you. Nevertheless, I am continually with you, We see in God's Word that without God, without his blessing that our heart is evil, in the thoughts of our heart are only evil continually as to be beasts before.

God Then we have or recognizing we are after grace first Corinthians. Six 11 B. So we'll continue on from where we left off and Corinthians or jumping around quite a bit. A lot of these will be recognizing before and after in could be jumping around and that is the wrong book.

So back to first Corinthians 6 verse 11, I'll start from that. And so for some of you that you are washed but you are ups and such were some of you but you were washed but you were sanctified but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus.

And by the Spirit of our God.

And we move on to 0.2 by responding in faith to what God has done for me. In Christ more, it's more than just recognition of how we were before baptism, and what it means to us now after baptism. But it is also an appropriate response. This section starts off with, of course, there must be more than recognition of what God has done in Christ.

There must also be an appropriate response. The only appropriate response is the faith that receives the bounties freely given.

And this also goes with We've moved in. Yeah second point of faith. Isn't the only appropriate response we respond with faith not personal choice. If it was up to just us we did not have the Spirit of God in us. We would choose evil every time. That's why divine cheating does not work If God hadn't already predestined us.

And he looked into future, We would be continually choosing to do the evil thing. So it continues on with Psalm 116, it just goes. And now it's not our personal choice, how we respond with faith. That is granted to us in someone's 16. This almost asks, what shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me in verse 12, What will I give back in return?

How will I repay this great gift? The fact is that you don't pay back. You can't pay back, the wonderful answer to the question. What will I give is? I will take. Now, again, that is to not, not to be confused with salvation. We cannot take salvation. It is given to us.

We can respond to that. But this is about baptism Now by God's hope. We do obey Him.

But what will I give is, I will receive by faith. Given to us. I will take a cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord. Now, in the presence of all his people versus 13 and 14 of Psalm 116,

We are identified with Christ. We are no longer our own. I got a question. I got to ask, Okay, so are you saying that faith pre-seed salvation

I don't know. We can't have faith unless God has given us that faith.

Numbers. So onto it, we identified with Christ. We are no longer our own. There is no greater blessing received than the Triune name of the Lord into, which the person has been baptized This. Entails identification with a triune God. God the Father God, the Son, and God, the Holy Spirit, have a claim on you.

In this regard, the Apostle is emphatic, ye are not your own. We are bought with a price. Therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are gods for Corinthians 6, verse 19, through 20, The beneficiaries the beneficiary, implications of this identification are far-reaching

Excuse me. Okay, onto the third point by raising up, covenant, children in the fear of God. So what about my children? The inheritance I have received is large and fair, but what about my family does? God have anything to say to them? What does God say about them? What place and privilege?

Do they have in the house? The consistent message of Scripture is that God is a God of families in respect to privilege. And blessing children are dealt with under the representation of their godly father or mother. We often read of a child being blessed because of the faith of a parent.

Mark 7 verse 29 chapter 9 verse 23 through 27, John 4, verse 49 through 50. I won't take the time to go through those right now. When's that key is received and confessed Christ as Savior. We read that salvation came to this house. Luke 19 verse 9 and he says, I don't know what CF means.

I probably should have found that out before it goes on an ax. 11 verse 14 and chapter 16. Verse 31. This does not mean that those in the house are born again because of the faith of the parent. But it does tell us that in terms of covenant status privilege and blessing God deals with the whole house as represented by the believing parent or parents.

Where do I? There we go In baptism God is making abundantly clear to parent and child that he considers this particular child, a member of his covenant and every provision necessary for the eternal salvation of the child has been made in his fully and freely available to him or her.

God has not left Christian parents or their children in the dark. He has made known that his will is for their salvation. If a covenant child is lost at last, then it is not because God was silent or unclear as to his will. And it is not because there was nothing in the gospel of Christ for him or her.

If the children are lost, it is because they have persistently and stubbornly refused. The overtures of God's grace Covenant children have no. Right? To be unbelievers, God has claimed them as his own to willfully and persistently. Ignore. And reject disclaim of God is to break covenant and incur the severest of covenant cursing, Hebrews 10 verse 29, we will take a moment to read that.

One more good Hebrews 10 verse 29, of how much worse punishment do you suppose, will? He be thought worthy who has trampled, the Son of God underfoot counted, the blood of the covenant, counted counted, the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing in insulted, the spirit of grace.

It is a sobering responsibility. It is one thing to neglect and lose your own soul. It is another thing to be responsible for the spiritual blood of your children. Luke 16, verse 19, through 31,

There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine, linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus full of sores, who was laid at his gate Desiring to be fed with the crumbs, which fell from the rich man's table more over.

The dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom, The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments and hate in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off and Lazarus in his bosom.

Then he cried and said, father, Abraham have mercy on me and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool. My tongue for him tormented in this flame but Abraham said, son. Remember that in your lifetime, you received your good things and likewise Lazarus is evil things.

But now he is comforted, and you are tormented and besides all this between us and you there was a great gulf fixed. So that those who want to pass from here to you cannot nor can those from there pass to us and he said, I beg you there for Father that you would send him to my father's house for.

I have five brothers that he may testify to them. Lest they also come to this place of torment, Abraham said to him, they have Moses in the prophets, let them hear them. And he said, no Father Abraham. But if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.

But he said to him, if they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded through one? Rise from the dead, though. One rise from the dead.

The solemn baptismal responsibility includes exemplifying for children. The power of true religion parents should be able to say to their children, be followers of me even as I all even, as I also am of Christ. First Corinthians, 11 verse 1. This includes a dependence on the Lord and his grace through daily prayers for the early salvation of our children.

Ultimately, however, we must remember that Christ alone can show our children, how to be perfect. We show them how to repent when we fail.

Instructing them in the Gospel from their earliest days is responsibility. Includes instructing children in a central gospel truths from their earliest days. Those will be done after church

especially after witnessing a baptism at family worship and regular and regular conversations in the morning at bedtime. And whenever opportunity arises in this way, parents will teach their child, what baptism?

She teaches baptism teaches children that they were born in sin and shaped in iniquity. Psalm 51:5 that they are great sinners. Psalm 25:11 that they are not too young to die. Second Samuel. 12:18. And that they must be born again, John 3:7. But baptism also teaches the parent and child.

That the child is never too young to receive salvation. Now this point he did not add scripture references, which is one of the things that annoyed me Again with help of my dad took few minutes and using Acts 2 verse 38, through 39, and John 1:12, we'll cover those and running out of time.

So, it was going specifically that order X to 38 to 39.

Is wonderful. We have a perfect book that we have the ability to use context and cross referencing within that book. So because we know if we do that, it'll always be right. And we'll always be wrong if we find something different. So x2 verse 38 39, one more page, Then Peter said to them, repent.

And let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for their mission of sins. And you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit For the promise, is to you and to your children and to all who are far off as many as the Lord are.

God will call Now going straight to John 1 verse 12.

Very tiny.

John worn one verse 12, but as many as received him to them, he gave the right to become children of God. To those who believe in his name, to those who receive the gift of Holy Spirit of God, have the right to become children of God. So with that The Bible teaches baptism also teaches the parent that parent and child at the child is never too young to receive salvation Parents there for me.

Expectantly plead expectantly, bleed for God's salvation, to come to their infants. Although and read this quote James, Bannerman, the work of Regeneration by the, Holy Ghost is a work, which is which it is as easy for him to accomplish upon the infant of days as upon the man of mature age.

Also, if you happen to read Jonathan Edwards and he has a book that was, and what I wanted to give me, it was to the younger generation, the compilation of speeches and sermons that he judge in the Edwards had written aimed towards the young in His congregation in area.

And the first one I believe in that book early, pieties, especially acceptable to God that In more detail. And in a great wording is a good resource to understand a little more of the, what he is coming across here.

Where good I can finish this point Might have to take two two weeks on this.

So from in yeah, from infancy with great efficacy. As soon as children are able to understand parents should urge them to repent and believe the gospel and make every effort to show them their need of the blood of Jesus Christ, and how God has provided this for them in their

baptism, It was said of Philip Henry, the father of the famous commentator think about right now.

Matthew Henry that in dealing with his children about their spiritual state, he took hold of them very much by the handle of their infant baptism and frequently incoated. I don't know, I didn't pronounce that word. Right. Implicate, inculcated. Sorry infrequently integrated upon them. That they were born in God's house and were dedicated and given up to him and therefore were obliged to be his servants.

None of this in itself saves a child. But with the blessing of the Lord it is nevertheless true. As Robert L. Dabney says and Robert. L Debney says, where the duties represented in the sacrament of baptism are properly followed up. The actual regeneration of children is the ordinary result that finishes that point.

And I will have to close there. Already past time quite a bit. Let's close in prayer, hopefully get to questions and clarifications next week. Okay, let's pray under heavenly Father. Come before you again this this morning thanking you for this day that you have given us, help us, Lord God, to come before you in your house, rightly with a right Hand?

The right mind, I'll remove distractions for most Lord. God, the bless the elders leading and the pastor speaking that they would rely on Christ for the ability to do. So not the pastors words. Would be your words and that us listeners. Would also cleaned to Christ to the ability to hear to understand and retain.

Praise speak to your Lord. God help us by your spirit. We pray this in your son's name. Amen.