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This booklet on, how can I benefit from my baptism? You do a quick recap over what covered last week, We started with point four in the book this week.

So Then we see that in this book, the fact there is great value in benefit in Christian, baptism is an obvious truth. Should be an obvious truth to anyone who takes a Word of God. Seriously, we see the baptism's value and we consider the person who instituted and applies it.

The Lord Jesus Christ, the most high, god showing himself willing to covenant with simple man in grace and the Holy Spirit personally promised and sent to us as a helper until Christ returns. So we had, how can I benefit from a baptism by recognizing what God has done for me?

In Christ, the misery of not comprehending or appreciating. We blessed greatly more than we can comprehend. We are that rich. But we often don't recognize due to ignorance or willful negligence of that. So seeing that using God's Word to recognize what has been done for us, help, helping us recognize what we were for grace and after grace and see a lot of the first Corinthians 6.

Second by responding in faith to what God has done for me in Christ is more than just recognizing it but also an appropriate response and by God's help and by hearing a faith comes by hearing so more than his recognizing. But also responding with appropriate, faith.

And also by raising up covenant children. In the fear of God, the Bible does speak of a believer's house. God is a God of families. That is also a sobering responsibility for those with a household, it is one thing to neglect yourself, what is another to neglect your children?

Didn't do is we'd like to work towards is to be able to tell our children to imitate or follow me. Just as I also imitator follow Christ. Instructing them in the gospel from their earliest days. They are not too young to die. You see that in second Samuel. And they must be born again, John 3:7.

Never too young to receive salvation. You have Acts 2:30 to 39, and John 1:12 and also another good. Look on that. Is Jonathan Edwards the to the younger generation. Clearly. The first speech. Sermon in that early pieties, especially acceptable to God. So with never too young for then we also has from infancy for great efficacy.

Now we land on 0.4 which we will pick up on today. I forgot to get that going. So 0.4 by thankfully acknowledging, God's covenant, provisions Covenant, children who are thus reared ought to be impressed early on with a tremendous benefit. They have by virtue of their birth into a Christian home.

Before I learned to pray, I was prayed for before Covenanting. We've got Guide was made in eternal God made and eternal covenant with me, Just as a child born into our state, into our stately mansion and wealth has many advantages clothing nutrition health care education, over child born into abject poverty.

So the child born into a covenant home, has many spiritual benefits over those who are not have who has Romans 3 1 through 2. Job. What advantage then has to do? What is message of surfaces Once you every way? Because today, Thank you. John This child experiences, the pleasant and peaceful atmosphere of the church in the home.

Douglas Bannerman describes the inner life of the church as an atmosphere of prayer and praise. He says, from the opening scene of the 120 and the upper in the upper chamber, all with one, Accord, continuing steadfastly, in prayer to the closing scene, in this section of the history where we see many gathered together in the House of Mary praying, the voice of the United prayers rises continually in the apostolic church.

So, I have Acts 1 verse 15. In two verse 1. And in those days, Peter stood up, in the midst of the disciples altogether, the number of name is about 120 instead of next two. One. When the day of Pentecost at fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

And I forgot to add a little context in, like I said, here, continue all United continuing in prayer. So it is in the Christian home, along with instruction example, discipline, and the very presence of the Triune God. There is an atmosphere of prayer and praise. Perhaps this guy's name Chris Sostom, the early church father wrote, who are the two in the three met in.

His name isn't not the father and the mother and the child, Although his exeges of Matthew 18:20, maybe suspect the. But the thought behind, what's up behind? It is perfectly correct. God is a God of our families. A whole. Oh, a whole beneficent and redemptive spiritual realities surrounds. Him of which the craftsmen are respectively.

God, His parents eventually his brothers and sisters, his friends and the church. These early impressions ought to instill in the covenant, Child, a profound sense of thankfulness to the triune God How good it was. That I was born into the church with all its privileges. With all the means of grace with the communion of the saints, with those who prayed, for me With those who made their greatest, parental concern, my spiritual good.

It was good to have the protection of Christian restraints in the home. It was good that from a child. I have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make me wise unto salvation me. I get well with minister larger. Catechism question, 63, whatever. You? What are the special privileges?

Invisible Church answer. The visible Church tab of the privilege of being under God's special care, with government of being protected and preserved in all ages, notwithstanding the opposition of all enemies. And of enjoying the communion saying the ordinary ordinary means of salvation and offers a grace by Christ to all members of it in the ministry of gospel, testifying that the will whosoever believes in him shall be saved and explaining none that will come unto him.

Thank you. And the book mentioned 63, and I forgot yet, I did have 62 listed, I think allow you have 62, and that was my thought. I called on 63 first, I should have called 62 first. Go ahead is the visible change visible charities society made up of all such as an all ages in places of the world.

Do profess the true religion of their children and each of those, I included all the scripture references that there was Mr. Standards included that. So, you won't go over those right now. There are dozens of them. Okay, finger was some 116. One of them So we clean has been mentioned previously.

Yes, that is using it. That is coming right up at this. Yeah, one way to benefit from these baptismal benefits is to acknowledge the Lord's. Great goodness and giving them and to sincerely. Sincerely, thank him for them. Then we have Psalm 1 that we've seen with. Everyone's table is indeed coming.

Straight up. Some makes it. Yes.

Now gonna point five by seeking a personal and saving relationship with Christ bumping into that. So with this, we are One looking to going deeper than the already. Very great outward benefits, self-examination differentiating between head, knowledge and heart belief. Profession versus confession Again, another book for that, you can look, and is the almost Christian discovered by Matthew, Mead, Ivy, Gann Reading that I still haven't finished reading that.

But of what I have read, it is very useful resource for this and very provoking book. In a good way. We have two points, kind of together the conviction of personal lost state, without price and seeking the provisions of the gospel include. No, those have someone 19 verse 37, verse 94, and Jeremiah 31 verse 18.

So So back to going deeper than it already great outward, then the already great, very great outward benefits To this point. These outward benefits about baptism are very great, God forbid, that we would ever minimize them. They belong to the gifts purchased by the ascended Christ. For his people, Psalm 68 verse 18, through 19 Ephesians 4:7 through 16.

I have just verse 7 through 8, who has that Ephesians 4 subgrate But unto every one of us is given grace. According to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore. He said when he ascended up Mahai he led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men. Thank you.

But yeah, waiting themselves. These outward benefits. Do not save. It's baptism. It is sobering to think that there will be many baptized people in hell, People who in terms of outward gospel, privilege, excelled many. And yet, for all their outward privilege, they will spend the endless ages of eternity with the devil and his angels, and with thieves and robbers and heartlets.

Again, the Matthew meets book will go in to that a lot as well with its a company's scripture references. So why? Because baptism. So Easter date. Yes, I want this book is putting forward in. Also submit there will be many circumcised Old Testament. People in college as well. Now hopefully the far more is that are in heaven but the same old truth for those that were circumstances.

And we see that all throughout the Old Testament, especially those who were of the circumcision and we're eating by the earth and those worshiping the Golden Cap and those who will not enter my rest, those who spent 40 years that generation dying out to be buried. And not entering, I got to rest all of those were all those men were by government laws to be circumcised from their eighth day.

We know, as we know that but many many of those were told by God himself that they would never enter his rest. So why? Because baptism precious and beneficial as it is, is not an unconditional guarantee that all who receive its sign and seal savingly possess the grace, that is signified and sealed.

Just as the beneficial preaching of the gospel is to be received in faith. So it is with baptism, Charles Hodge wrote when a man, receives, a gospel with a true faith, he received the blessings which God, which the gospel promises when he receives baptism in the exercise of faith, he receives and benefits receives.

The benefits of which baptism is the sign and seal The validity of baptism does not rest on personal and actual faith, but on God and his covenant promise to truly benefit from baptism. However, it must be improved by faith. This brings us to the greatest benefit, we must gain from baptism, namely to seek and find the Lord Jesus Christ by faith.

The benefit of such self-examination comes, when we become convicted of our spiritually, lost state and seek the provisions of the gospel held out to us by baptism. It is here. We believe that the Lord would make what we profess to be by baptism reality. A reality for us by regeneration and adoption.

Turn away my eyes from beholding, vanity and quickening on me in my way. Not 119 verse 37 and Lord, I am dying. Save me. Psalms 119 verse 94 turned down to me and I shall be turned for thou art. The Lord. My God. Jeremiah 31 verse 18. At this point, the great benefit of baptism is that in it God is telling seeking souls that he is willing to hear and answer them in particular.

Baptism. Impresses the truth on seeking souls in a personal invisible way that to them. The Lord is good and ready to forgive and pledges and mercy unto all them that call upon him. Psalm 86:5 Baptism itself, does not save the sinner but as James Bannerman says it brings him to the very door and bids him there.

Knock and it shall be opened unto him. Now we move on to 0.6 by living a dependent and thankful life, that glorifies the God that saved me. And again, and this is book is about. Yes, I just wanted to comment with these last two paragraphs that she's read from a little conflict for those of us who are coming from the Baptist of background.

These two paragraphs are very beautiful, basic explanation of the difference. You know what that is? This learning processes. If you were a little bit more pest area, just Presbyterian and 7th Biblical that these two paragraphs, explain that very well. And it's helpful to me, coming from a baptistic director, and we have a wonderful covenant covering and with that seeking for a for me scientific covering, We just only done by Christ.

We're only done by guys predestination okay? Whenever like this point dug and in the boat yet it does mention and by living a dependent and thankful life, that glorifies that God who saved me again this speaking of baptism having that covenant covering and not necessarily self-ific. We see that being under covenant blessing, we are we aren't just sitting idle.

We aren't just going to take that as our our South David covering We it is improved by faith. We do look to God. We have the, we have the head knowledge of the Bible, hopefully being born into a government home. We are reared in God's Word from our earliest days and know what the Bible says.

And know what saving faith is what we need to do in terms of looking forward to that praying to God and and Bring to God asking for his help. And to really renewing us a, the clean spirit. So glorifying God, I live in a dependent life and that also reminds us of God's baptism helps us remind us of God's promises so that we must depend on the promiser glorifying God by living a thankful life which is all a tool for preparation examination and observance.

Both these sub points will kind of be seen together. Thankful life will be a little bit more implicit. It'll take a lecture thought, but dependent life is all more obvious. A life benefiting from my baptism, is a life of dependence on God's Gospel, provisions in Christ. And the application of them to us by the Holy Spirit, The Christian life is not easy.

We must contend with the world, the flesh and the devil. As long as we live. Therefore, as long as there are the remains of sin, there will be benefit in the prepromises of baptism for the

sinner saved. By grace Burkhoff wrote, pronounce his name right, There are promises for the present and for the future promises for days of prosperity and for seasons of adversity, promises for the living.

And for the dying, There are promises of renewed strength. For those, whose strength seems to be seems to fail Promises of courage for the faint-hearted. And of rest for the weary, There are promises of guidance through life and of deliverance out of temptations promises of support of the support of everlasting arms and a good cheer for the afflicted and the discouraged promises of security for the storm tossed.

Souls promises to of an everlasting home for weary pilgrims Further. My life of dependence that glorifies God will include frequent use of the sacraments. My baptism can help me in preparing for the Lord's. Supper Jesus said to Peter, if I watched he not thou has no part with me, John, 13:8, I can use my baptism to examine whether I have the necessary washing required for a right partaking of the Lord's.

Supper Thomas Mansion said before the church none, but baptized persons have a right to the Lord's table before. God none. But those who have the fruit of baptism have right to the benefits thereof Also I can benefit from my baptism when I observe the administration of baptism to others, Rocco gives several ways in which this can be done One by observing the wonderful goodness of God.

And again establishing his covenant, with a poor sinner Two By considering the magnitude of what is being done. When a child is baptized, he is exalted by God's were much higher level than an earthly king. So that more than it came is inaugurated three by reflecting on the solemn manner.

In which I was once brought before the Lord and surrendered to him, four by convicting you and stirring you up to fulfill your covenant engagements to your own, baptized children, five by praying that the Lord would make these children. Partakers of what is sealed to them Six. By having your heart, go out and love to these children who are now covenant members of the Lord Jesus Christ.

And one more from Hajj, every time, the ordinance of baptism is administered in our presence. We hear and knew the voice from heaven, proclaiming the blood of Jesus Christ. His son cleanseth us from all sin. And I was briefly mentioned before, but we'll say it again. The greatest benefit ever received is Christ Himself to get Christ is the most precious valuable benefit beneficiary.

Hope I'm saying that right gift. Any center has received. This is design. This is the design of baptism. Someone might ask however, what came baptism. Give me that. I don't already have in the word In short. There's no better benefit in baptism that is not in the word. Conceal of baptism is attached to the document of the word.

Yet we can give the last word here to the Scottish Divine. Robert Bruce, what Bruce says, concerning the sacrament of the Lord's. Supper is equally true. Concerning the benefit of baptism, What then you ask is a new thing. We get We get Christ better than we did before we get the thing which we had more fully.

That is with a sure apprehension than we had before we get a better grip of Christ. Now, for by sacrament, my faith is nourished the bounds of my soul are enlarged and so were, I had, but a little grip of Christ before as it were between my finger and my thumb.

Now I get him in the whole hand and indeed, the more, my faith grows the better grip. I get of Christ. Jesus, we move on to 0.7 by proclaiming the gospel to others. So with this, we see, baptism is not a private thing. It is an active corporate worship that there is a spillover effect like circumcision.

I'll have references there. The New Testament Sacraments are suitable for a worldwide worldwide religion. So baptism is not a private thing in conclusion. While the title of this book speaks about how I can benefit from my baptism. I trust, it has been clear that baptism is certainly not a private thing.

It occurs in the church. The triune God is covenanting there. The parents and children are covenanting there and the congregation is covenanting there. It is a momentous occasion. It shows us what God in Christ by his Spirit has done for us in us but it also shows us what we are to do for Christ and for others in many ways, the benefits of baptism are like circumcision intended to spill over into the lives of those who are still without hope and without God in the world Ephesians 2:12.

Just and for little contexts, I think Mr. Phil, you have Ephesians 2:11 through 13 ready to have. Yes, sir that you want to Gentiles in the flesh who are called uncircumcision by what is called the research and statement made them and flesh by hands. That at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the Commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise having no hope and without God of the world.

But now in Christ Jesus, you who once were far off, have been brought near by the blood of Christ. Thank you Abraham and his seed or to be a blessing to the nations. Have Genesis 22:18 and 26 four. I think I have just 22 18, who has that your seed all the nations of the earth's jumpy class because you have obeyed my voice,

So we have from John Brown of Haddington is reported to have said if I had a thousand lives to live and a thousand children, I would willingly give them all to promote the conversion of sinners and the advancement of Christ's kingdom in the world. As is appears by far the noblest end of my being the nature.

The nature of the New Testament, sacraments speak of their suitability for a worldwide religion, to eat the Passover, it was necessary to go to Jerusalem For males to be circumcised. It was necessary to come to the temple with a sacrifice. No, such restrictions belong to the baptism and the Lord's Supper, no restriction remains either engender or in place.

The call of the Gospel, is now entirely unfettered and extends to one in all far and near Repent and be baptized every one of you. In the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. Acts 2:38 and actually like love having that in context up, I throw. Now you have verse 38 and 39 can read those.

Please he beganized in the name of Jesus, Christ of your mission of sense. You should receive the gifted behind school Or for us is to use and to your children and to all your letter of as many to support. And for example, report, Thank you. Those two verses can basically sum up anything.

We're gonna talk about in in baptism. It is God's word. You just wonderful baptisms. Should thus help us promote the glory of the triune God by leading others to see his glory even as we proclaim his praises. So, in conclusion, baptism the sign and seal of the Covenant, today comes with many blessings and benefits more than what is covered in.

This booklet, You can benefit more from our baptism by having a better understanding of our relationship with God responding appropriately by faith, not neglecting our duties to those given to us who are also included in this governing. Giving humble thanks to God for his covenant, provisions seeking a saving relationship with Christ living.

A thankfully dependent life aimed at glorifying God and proclaiming the gospel to others as an encouragement to equals and good news to those who are in the spiritual state you once were in. And We finish with the great commission from Matthew 28:19, go there for 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 one more time Acts 2:38 to 39.

Then Peter said to them. Repent. And let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, where the promises to you, and to your children and to all who are far off as many as a Lord, our God will call that finishes up what I have for this book, do as we are out of time or do we have two three minutes through questions and discussion.

This was your date. One of the things I've had to work through because I am formerly. The Baptist less for my children. Adolescent is that if the sign of the covenant in the Old Testament for a national people was circumcision Why? When God expanded, he's covenant, he gave us the New Covenant which now took on not just the national people, but over the people.

Why then would he restrict the companies Now Lord. You would think it be expanding the government. I mean, this I'm, this is, you know, you have to go to scripture don't, but I'm just saying reading it, if he expanded the physical cover, Why would he then restricting, you know, the, you know, or he gave us new company, expanded that, why would he restrict the seal that's associated?

It's Pastor. When you think about that, It's helpful to be more some creepy. Then thinking about a childhood is in the covenant on the day of Pentecost and went to Temple with his study and daddy's heard these guys. Preaching in a bunch of different languages and then one of those guys got up and preached an anime, and he announced that Jesus who just been crucified seven weeks ago.

And daddy had said, there's blood be upon us. And upon our children, the man who preached near me and said that that Jesus is Yahweh from Joel chapter 2, who would pour out his spirit on all flesh and upon his name, everyone who is called upon him, as he said that his daddy believed that day.

Does that Does that child receive the sacrament of The New Covenant or Does he go home with a daddy who now has a conversation with him? About how he was in the covenant when they got up that morning. But now that Jesus has come, He's out of a covenant.

When they went to bed that night, So sometimes being a little more concrete can help, But then a little bit unrelated to that. But for the purpose of the book, All of you, all of us Adults and children, we have great advantages and great benefits. And Peter was talking about Matthew Mead's book, which scared the daylights out of a bunch of us who read it for the first time in seminary because being serious about the genuine spiritual work of God that he doesn't evil.

Was just something that a lot of us had not gotten in church growing up, not seeking to deserve. Whether we have things that come only from saving grace and not just things that come from external advantages. So one of the things that probably pleading to those of you can come Wednesday night in Romans 3:1-4 in our plead with you now much shorter.

Length is that you make use of the advantages that you have. The apostles only going to say they have the oracles of God community chapter. Three of Romans is going to give a bunch more of the advantages in chapter 9 and numbers. You know, you can anywhere it talks about spiritual gifts that are for the body as a whole.

The Lord invests them in a bunch of different people. Those are advantages and together by being part of the church. But for me, one of the, the key passages of advantages is actually one of the more sobering ones, Hebrews chapter 6, right? Because once you once you get your your your doctrine of salvation, sorted out, you know, you cannot lose it.

If you have it, then you go through that list of the advantages that a member of Invisible Church has. And that those who have external advantages, without inward spiritual, work lost forever. And even the phrase cannot be renewed again, to repentance, They learned to aid repentance but being among repentance people, but they can't be renewed again to real repentance.

And of course, it ends on a hopefully encouraging, but we are confident but better, things concerning you brethren and things that accompany salvation. Use your advantages in the church to look to the Christ of the church that you would use his spirit. Who is at work in the church to do inward hard work in.

You do not merely benefit outwardly from the advantages that you have of being in a church, especially being in what. I hope there's a faithful and the church in which the Lord is working in a bunch of other people, but if you don't see Him yourself for that work in you yourself, then you will be one of those Hebrews 6 people who had the highest advantages that a man or a woman or a boy or a girl can have on earth and what you did with it, the Bible calls crucifying Christ again to yourself.

Make use of your advantages by looking to the price of the church to work in you, by his spirit, it was at work in this church place.

All right. Let's close the prayer. I'd rather heavenly Father. We come before you this morning thanking you for this day. You've given us that we can be done for this day with our own really works me. Now can come to your house and worship you help us Lord God, to be removed of those distractions.

Especially from those are inherently sinful, help us. Lord God for we do need your help. We thank you that you have promised your help to us as that, you would be with us listeners. And with those speaking, we have to be with Pastor came that his words would be your words, I'll be with the elders leading.

And again be with us humors that we would do so cleaning to Christ for open years in a soft heart, Your will be done. Lord, God in the EB praised. Pray, this in your son's name. Amen.