

**The Promise and Benefit of Baptism**  
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**Genesis 17:7-8**

Membership requires certain duties and grants certain privileges.

Can you have membership privileges and have someone else meet the requirements? We just have to show up.

**My Promise from God in Baptism**

The Promise- **I will be their God**

God speaks to us in baptism, and we respond in faith.

I will enter into a relationship of grace with you.  
I will bind myself to my own word, to do what I have promised.

**The Promiser-** I will be your God

Who is this God that is promising to be our God?

The One who was offended by our sin promises to be our God.

**The Promisee-** I will be **their** God

To whom does God give the promise to be their God?  
To the descendents of Abraham.

**The reason for baptism is it different for children and adults?**

The promise belongs to them both as members of the covenant.

**My Benefit from God in Baptism**

**Sign and Seal of the Promise**

God has given us a sign and seal of the covenant.

Sign that the Spirit of God cleanses us from sin by the blood of Christ.

It is a sign of regeneration, and ingrafting into Christ. Union with him.

## **What is baptism is seal of?**

Dormant regeneration? Presumptive regeneration?

Baptism is a seal of the promise of the gospel.

The sacraments are a gospel ministry to the people of God.

It is like having a check written out in your name.

## **Baptism is for all of life, For all Times**

The visible gospel is proclaimed to all again by the water.

## **Baptism calls us to Separation from the World**

God has set us apart to himself as his people.

The water in baptism is not magic; it does not work automatically.

Our duty is faith. To take God at his word, to walk in his promises.

Adore the mercy of your God in being willing to be your God.

Adore the mercy of your God in being willing to be the God of your children.