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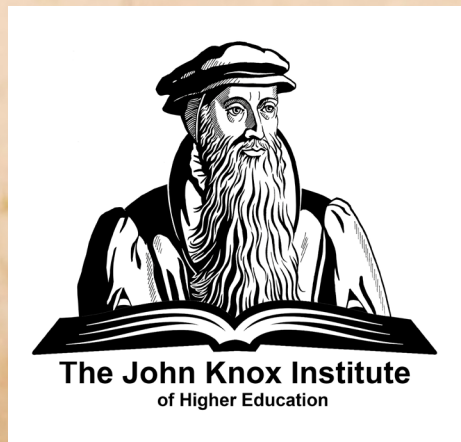
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Means of Grace: Christian Baptism

Memorization

Question 94: *What is baptism?*

Answer: *Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy ghost, doth signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord's.*

Question 95 *To whom is baptism to be administered?*

Answer: *Baptism is not to be administered to any that are out of the visible church, till they profess their faith in Christ, and obedience to him; but the infants of such as are members of the visible church are to be baptized.*

Lecture Structure

1. Introduction.
2. An instituted sign.
3. A spiritual message.
4. A covenantal privilege.
5. Applications.

Basic Questions for Question and Answers 94 & 95

1. What does the word, “ingrafting” mean as it is used in this lecture?

2. Paraphrase the answers to these questions or put it into your own words.

Bible Study Questions

(Look up the Scripture texts, read them, then write them out in the space provided.)

1. *Baptism was instituted by Christ, and it demands water.*

Matthew 28:18–20 _____

Acts 8:36 _____

2. *The message of baptism is the message of the gospel.*

Romans 6:3 _____

3. *The infants of such as are members of the visible church are to be baptized.*

Acts 16:14–15 _____

Lecture Checkup

1. What is the basic significance of Christ's command of baptism?

2. How do we know that baptism demands water? Where do we see this in the New Testament?

3. How does the Bible show us that there is no specific way that the water is to be applied to the one baptized?

4. Why is this phrase pronounced audibly at every baptism: “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost”?

5. What is expressed by the phrase, “in the name of...”?

6. How does the Bible prove that the message of baptism is the message of the gospel?

7. How does the message of baptism also speak of the enjoyment of Christ’s benefits?

8. How is being baptized into the church a great privilege? How does baptism testify of commitment?

9. Should everyone be baptized? Who should be baptized? Why?

10. What are the biblical proofs for infant baptism? Does baptism save a sinner? Does baptism of an infant guarantee that child will be saved? Are there people who are baptized who are not saved?

Practical Application

1. Meditate again on the spiritual significance of being baptized into the visible church, and the spiritual privileges associated with it. What does the sign of baptism demand of you in your daily life?

2. How does the Bible prove that a believer and his children together should receive the sign of the covenant of grace?
