

Family Studies on Baptism - Christ Living In Me

- Recommended Hymn: Purer in Heart, O God
- **Psalm 51:2 - “Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!”**
 - What does it mean to be pure, literally and spiritually?
 - How did David feel about his sin when writing this Psalm? Do we feel the same way about our sins today?
 - What was required for David to be cleansed of his sin? What is required for us to be cleansed of our sins?
 - **Today we will pray together for...** God to purify our minds, cleanse us of sins, and direct us to accomplish His will more perfectly.
- Recommended Hymn: Oceans
- **Jonah 2:5-6 - “The waters closed in over me to take my life; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped about my head at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the pit, O Lord my God.”**
 - Read Jonah 1 together. What has happened in Jonah’s life that has caused him to pray to God in this way?
 - How might these verses be related to what the New Testament says about baptism? How might they be related to the repentance that should go along with baptism?
 - **Today we will pray together for...** God’s deliverance from sin and selfishness, and gratefulness for the transforming power of His Gospel.
- Recommended Hymn: There’s a Fountain Free
- **John 3:5 - “Jesus answered, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.’”**
 - Why is it important to enter the kingdom of God? What does this statement by Jesus imply is necessary to enter the kingdom of God?
 - Who is the Holy Spirit? What are the results of a relationship with Him according to the New Testament?
 - How is this statement related to the rest of Jesus’s ministry? How is it related to our ministry as Christians?
 - **Today we will pray together for...** thankfulness for our rebirth as Christians, and a renewed commitment to the success of God’s kingdom.

- Recommended Hymn: Nothing But the Blood
- **Acts 2:38 - “And Peter said to them, ‘Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’”**
 - What does it mean to repent? How and why are repentance and baptism related and put together in this verse?
 - What realization in Peter’s audience has prompted this response? Have we had this realization ourselves, and how have we responded to it?
 - According to this verse, why is baptism necessary, and what does it accomplish?
 - **Today we will pray together for...** conviction in our repentance, baptism, and identity as those who have obeyed the Gospel of Christ.

- Recommended Hymn: ‘Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus
- **Galatians 3:27 - “For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”**
 - Why is it significant that Paul says that Christians have been baptized “into Christ?” What does he mean by this?
 - What does it mean to “put on Christ?” Where else does the New Testament talk about this idea? What else is “put on” when someone “puts on Christ?”
 - Are we reflecting Christ to others? How could we reflect Him more perfectly? How does our baptism into His church help us with this?
 - **Today we will pray together for...** a greater unity with Christ, our family and our church family, and for that unity to be reflected in our lives.

- Recommended Hymn: Salvation Belongs to Our God
- **1 Peter 3:21 - “Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ[.]”**
 - What is it that Peter is saying corresponds to baptism? How do the two reflect each other?
 - How is baptism related to the resurrection of Christ? How is it related to the hope in resurrection that we have as Christians?
 - How does baptism result in a good conscience from God? What impact does this have on someone once he or she becomes a Christian?
 - **Today we will pray together for...** the good conscience of a Christian and the hope we have in Christ’s new life to guide us in all things.