

# Baptism

## Instructions:

- 1) Go to Zion's Website, to the confirmation class page: <http://www.zionelpaso.org/confirmation>
- 2) In the section labeled "Independent Study" you'll find the links to the video about Baptism, to the discussion guide, and to this student sheet.
- 3) Watch the video. DO NOT SKIP THE VIDEO
- 4) Download the discussion guide and use it to fill in answers to the assignment below. All the answers can be found in the text of the discussion guide.

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THE PAGE NUMBERS, SECTION NUMBERS, AND MATERIALS BELOW REFER TO THE LOCATION OF ANSWERS FOUND IN THE "GOD CONNECTS" DISCUSSION GUIDE – SESSION 8 ABOUT BAPTISM

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## Page 4 - Intro: Why care about Baptism?

Christians take Baptism very seriously because it is God's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ upon them.

## Page 4 (8.1): Something Sacred?

What three things about Baptism make it a "sacrament?"

1. It is \_\_\_\_\_
2. It joins God's \_\_\_\_\_ to a visible \_\_\_\_\_.
3. With it God offers, gives, and seals the \_\_\_\_\_ earned by Jesus.

## Page 4 (8.2): Salvation?

Baptism is a means by which God delivers to us the forgiveness and peace Jesus earned through His suffering, death, and resurrection. The Bible says:

"Whoever \_\_\_\_\_ and is \_\_\_\_\_ will be \_\_\_\_\_." (Mark 16:16a)

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“Do you not know that all of us who have been \_\_\_\_\_ into Christ Jesus were baptized into His \_\_\_\_\_? We were buried therefore with Him by Baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been \_\_\_\_\_ in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His. We know that our old self was crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer \_\_\_\_\_ . For one who has died has been set free from sin.” (Romans 6:3-7)

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“Because they formerly did not obey, when God’s patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through \_\_\_\_\_. Baptism, which corresponds to this, \_\_\_\_\_, 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.” (1 Peter 3:20-21)

**Page 5 (8.3, 8.4, 8.5) How Does Baptism Work?**

**8.3,** Whose action matters for what’s happening in baptism? *Circle one:*

**Our Work**

**God’s Work**

**8.4,** God’s Word “in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,” from Matt 28 verse 19 is spoken during baptism. God’s Word has power. In creation, God spoke (Genesis 1). All that we have come to exist as God said, “Let there be...” God’s Word does things.

Hebrews 4:12 “For the word of God is \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_”

**8.5 Why is water a necessary part of baptism?**

Jesus said to “baptize.” This word in the original language of the New Testament is the general word for \_\_\_\_\_. This was done with water.

### **Page 5-7 (8.6, 8.8, 8.10) How and When Should someone be baptized?**

Based on sections 8.6-8.9 and the video, circle the things that matter for baptism to be a real Christian baptism (*circle all that apply*):

- The Word of God spoken, “I baptize you in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit”
- The time of day
- The location
- The water touching a person
- The WAY the water touches a person
- The amount of water
- The age of a person being baptized

### **8.11, 8.12 Baptism, Faith, and Salvation?**

Can I be saved without baptism? Scripture is clear that we are saved by God’s grace, through faith in Jesus Christ. An early Christian leader, St. Augustin, once explained, “It is not the absence of Baptism that condemns us, but the absence of \_\_\_\_\_.” Yet God wants us to be baptized. Jesus said, “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy spirit. (Matthew 28:19)”

Baptism truly brings us Jesus’ salvation because of the \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit creates in us through water and the Word. This faith in Jesus saves us. If a baptized person rejects the faith and never returns to Jesus Christ, his baptism will not save him.

### **8.13 My Baptism means New Life**

Through God’s \_\_\_\_\_ and Baptism, we are daily washed clean and can live new lives of goodness and holiness.