

		sermon notes
<p align="center"> “REMEMBER YOUR BAPTISM” January 8, 2023 Pastor Todd Schlechty CHRISTCHURCHVA.ORG/SERMONS </p>		

Have you ever participated in a ceremony that felt like it was much more than just a ceremony?

Baptism is a _____.

Acts 2:37–42 *Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brethren, what shall we do?”* ³⁸ Peter said to them, “Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” ³⁹ For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself.” ⁴⁰ And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, “Be saved from this perverse generation!” ⁴¹ So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls. ⁴² They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. (NASB)

The Sacramental Life: Our Work and God’s Work

I. What Shall We Do? Our Work in Our New Life

A. _____

Acts 2:38 *“Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins...”*

B. _____

Acts 2:39 *“...For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself.”*

C. Use the _____

Acts 2:42 *They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.*

II. What Does God Do? God’s Work in Our New Life

A. God gives us the _____.

Theologians call this _____.

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5. What does it mean to you to remember that you are baptized?

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ANSWER KEY:

Baptism is a **SACRAMENT**.

I-A: **REPENT**

I-B: **BELIEVE IN THE PROMISE**

I-C: **MEANS OF GRACE**

II-A: **HEART OF REPENTANCE**
PREVENIENT GRACE

II-B: **ASSURANCE OF SALVATION**
JUSTIFYING GRACE

II-C: **THE CHURCH**
SANCTIFYING GRACE

Point: **BAPTISM IS SOMETHING WE DO, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, SOMETHING WE RECEIVE.**