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“It represents in an outward symbol the inward work of the Spirit, and shows how, according to his mercy, he saved us by the washing of regeneration, and the renewing of the Holy Ghost, a work already performed upon the heart of the candidate, by an application of the cleansing blood of Christ”

[Edward T. Hiscox, The Baptist Church Directory, 1911, p28]



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“Baptism is not essential to salvation, for our churches utterly repudiate the dogma of ‘baptismal regeneration;’ but it is essential to obedience, since Christ has commanded it. It is also essential to a public confession of Christ before the world, and to membership in the church which is his body. And no true lover of his Lord will refuse these acts of obedience and tokens of affection. [Hiscox, Standard Manual for Baptist Churches]

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"Dipping of the person into the water is not necessary; baptism is rightly administered by pouring or sprinkling water upon the person"

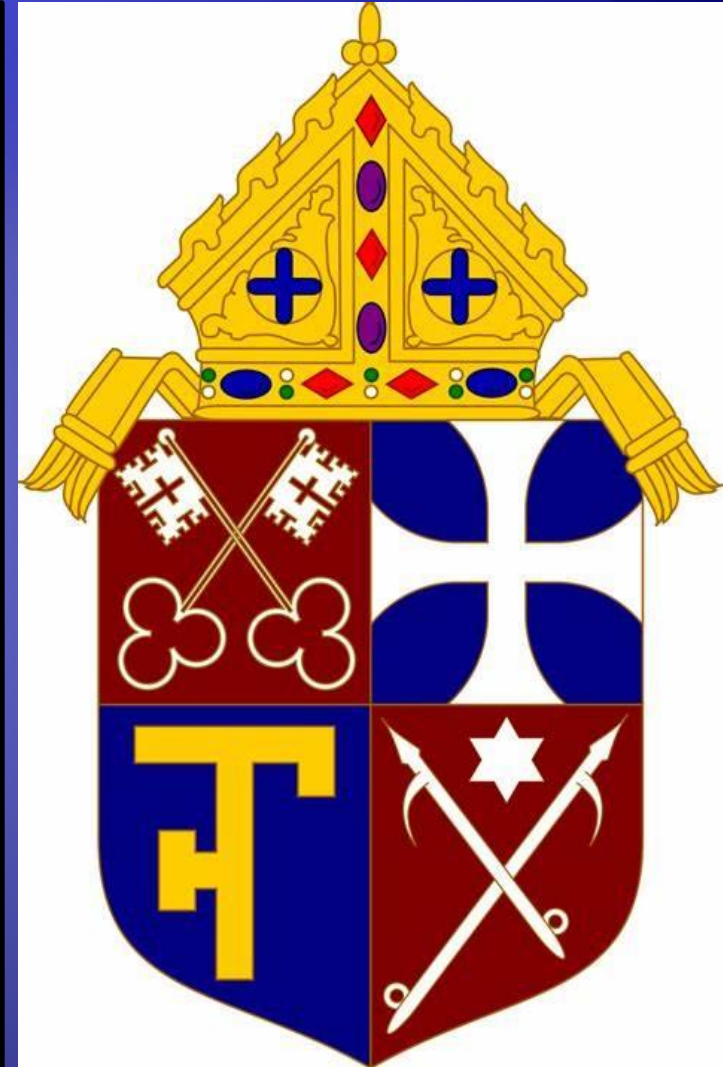
"Westminster Confession of Faith," Presbyterian Book of Confessions, 1967 ed.



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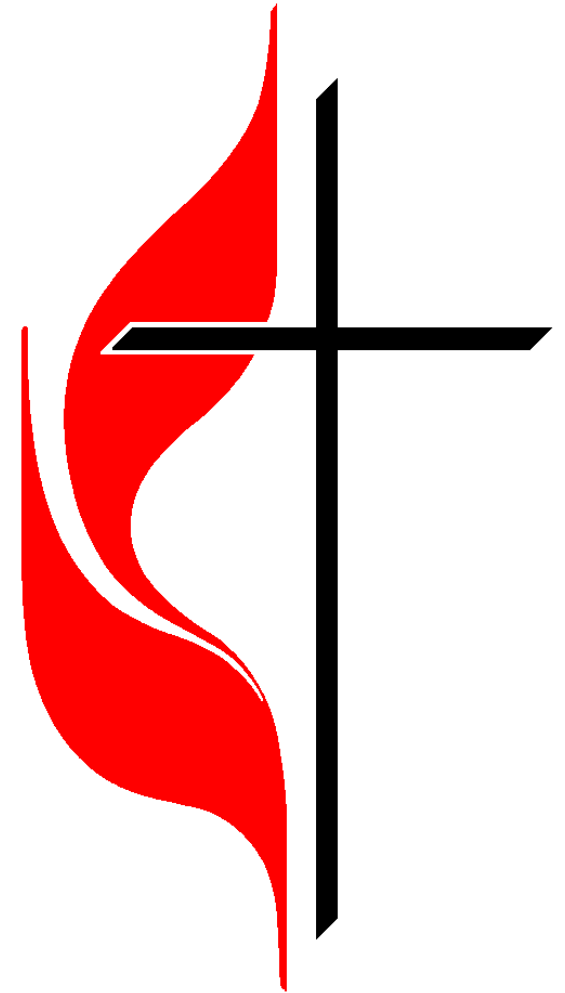
"How is baptism given? It is given by pouring water over the forehead of the person to be baptized ..."

A Catechism for Adults (Catholic), 1975 ed., p. 63.



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Methodists believe that baptism is a sign of regeneration and new birth. And they accept all modes of baptism (sprinkling, pouring, immersion, etc.) as valid. Methodists are open to baptism of both those who confess faith themselves, and those whose parents or sponsors confess faith.



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"Baptism may be administered by sprinkling, pouring, or immersion, according to the choice of the applicant"

Church of the Nazarene Manual, 1972 ed., p. 33.



CHURCH OF THE
NAZARENE

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"What is the meaning of the word 'baptize'? 'Baptize' means to apply water by washing, pouring, sprinkling, or immersing"

Luther's Small Catechism, par. 244, p. 170.



What Does The Bible Teach?

- ♦ **John the Baptist**

Preached repentance

Matthew 3:1-2 (p 1113)

Remission of sins

Mark 1:4 (p 1151)

- ♦ **Jesus was baptized**

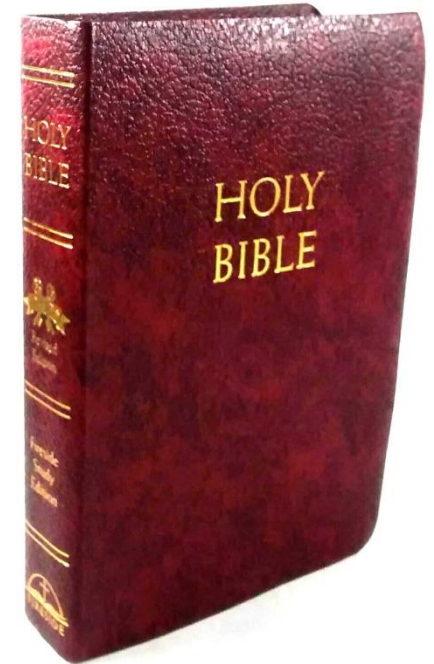
Fulfill all righteousness

Mark 1:9-11 (p 1151)

- ♦ **Ministry of John & Jesus**

Baptized disciples

John 4:1-2 (p 1224)



What Does The Bible Teach?

- ◆ **Commands of Jesus**

Matthew 28:19 (p 1150)

“Baptizing them”

Mark 16:16 (p 1176)

“Believes & baptized”

Luke 24:46-49 (p 1219)

“Remissions of sins”

John 3:1-21 (p 1222)

“Born again”

- ◆ **Fulfilled in the Acts of the Apostles**

Acts 2:38 (p 1254)

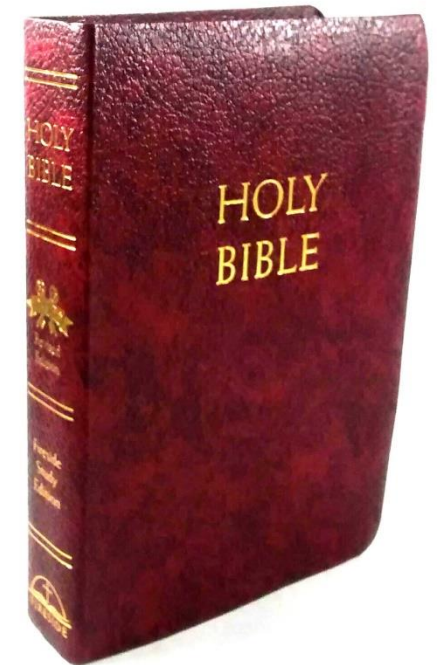
What must we do?

Acts 8:35-38 (p 1263)

Preached Jesus

Acts 22:16 (p 1284)

Wash away sins



What Does The Bible Teach?

♦ The writings of the early church

Romans 6:3-6 (p 1298)

1 Corinthians 12:13 (p 1320)

Galatians 3:26-27 (p 1339)

Colossians 2:11-12 (p 1354)

Titus 3:5-7 (p 1370)

1 Peter 3:21 (p 1393)

Death of Christ

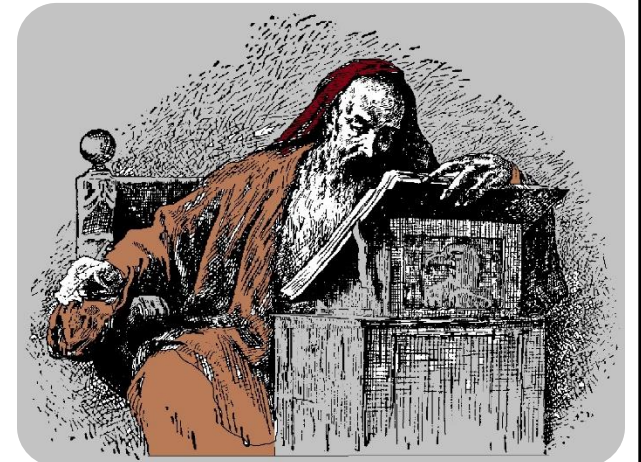
One body

Put on Christ

Circumcision

Washing

Now saves us



**BEING BAPTIZED DOES NOT
DENY THE MERCY AND GRACE
OF GOD
IT VERIFIES IT!**

THE DOOR

- ♦ **Satan's view of BAPTISM.**

You do not have to be baptized to be saved; there is no need to go through that door; ignore it!

- ♦ **God's view of BAPTISM**

Mark 16:16 (p 1176)

HE WHO BELIEVES AND IS BAPTIZED

WILL BE SAVED; BUT HE WHO DOES NOT

BELIEVE WILL BE CONDEMNED.



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There is only one door

There is only one way

There is only one choice

What if you don't open the door?

