

The Sacrament of Baptism

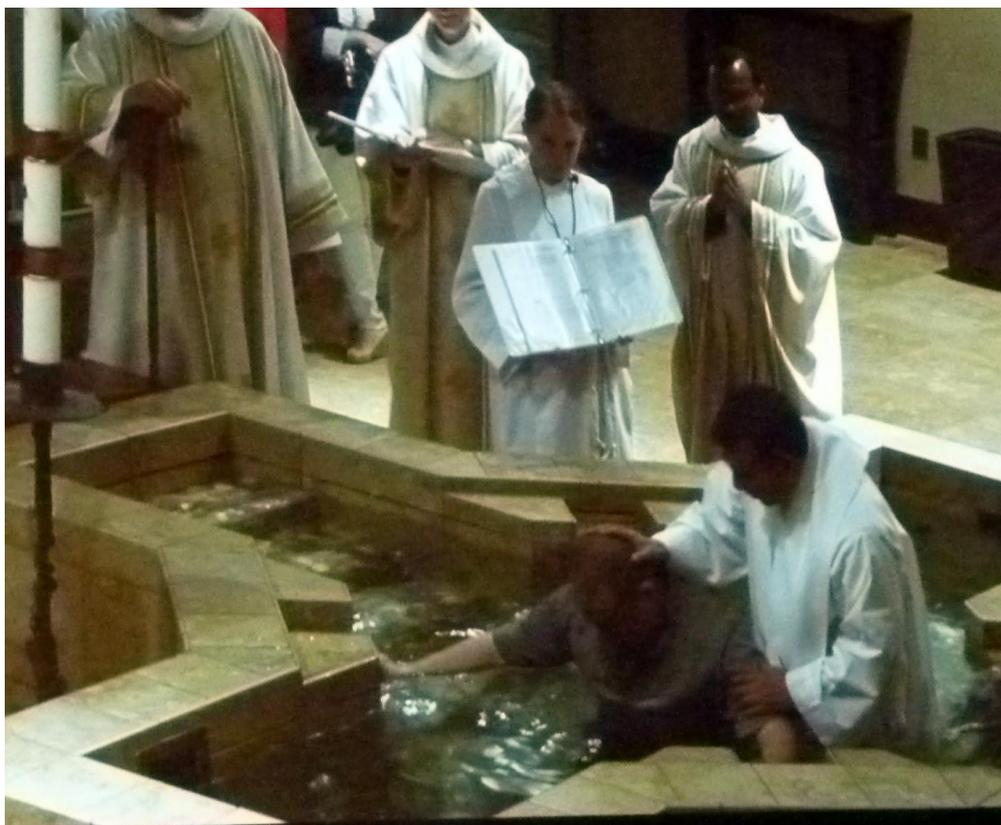
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- ✚ **Baptism is the first sacrament that we receive that will give us grace.**
- ✚ **When we are baptized, the darkness of the soul (which we call original sin) is replaced by the light of grace (sanctifying grace).**
- ✚ **In Baptism we use water and the words "I baptized you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit."**
- ✚ **The water is poured over the person's head as the words are said.**

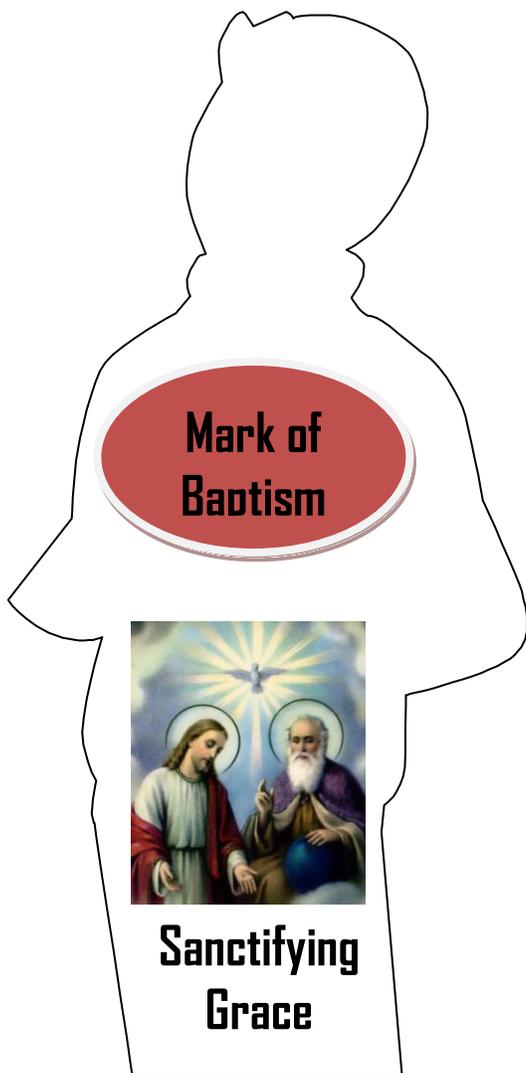


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 **We could dunk the person! But usually we don't.**



- ✚ In the **Sacrament of Baptism** several things are happening.
- ✚ The darkness of the soul is removed (we say that original sin is removed or taken away) and sanctifying grace enters the soul.
- ✚ The soul is given a special "spiritual" mark that is permanent, making that person an "adopted" child of God.
- ✚ The soul becomes part of the **Body of Christ** (a spiritual, invisible reality). We are connected to **Christ**, the head of the **Body**.

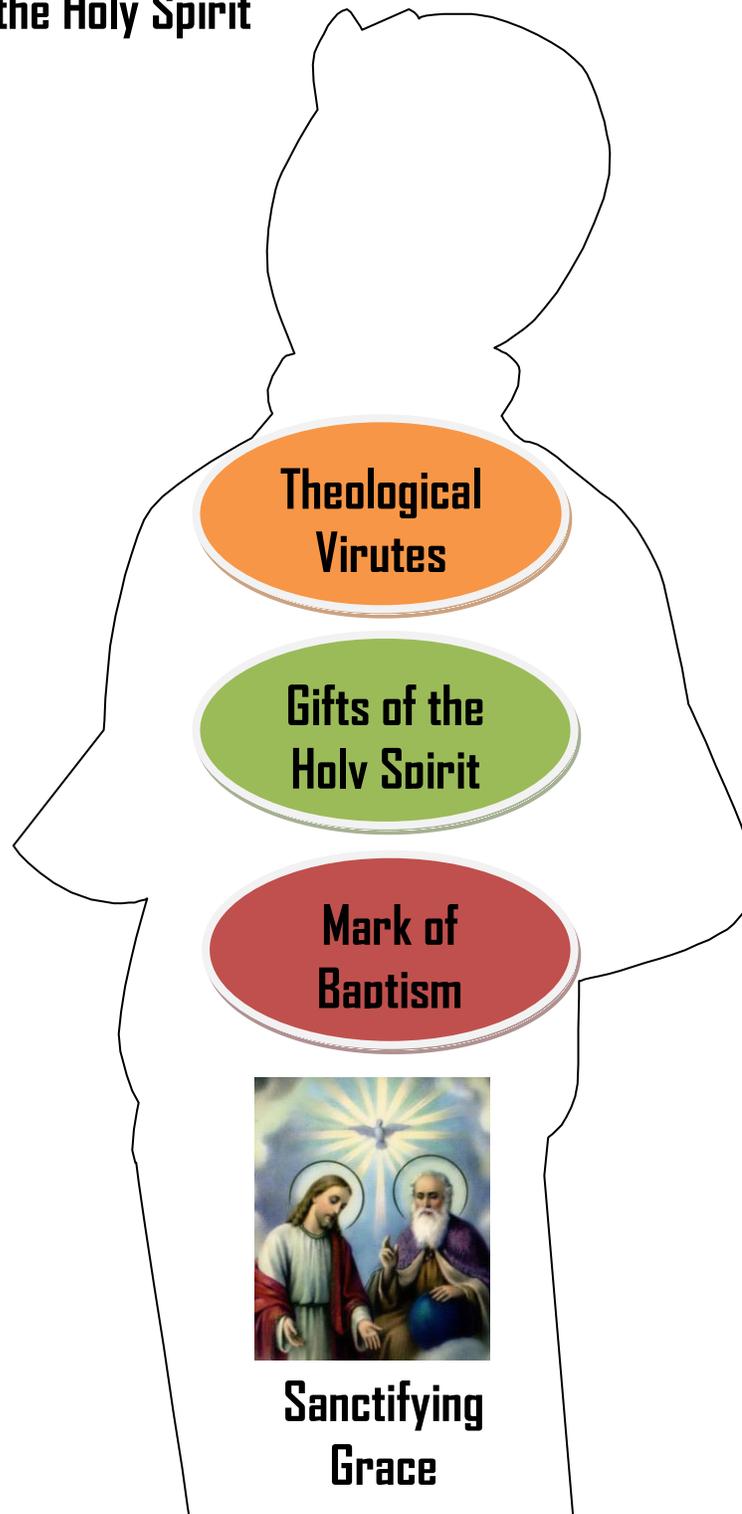


The Soul



In Baptism we become part of the Body of Christ

- ✚ **The soul receives some other spiritual, supernatural gifts.**
- ✚ **These supernatural gifts are given to us to help live our lives for God (and draw us closer to God).**
- ✚ **There are two main groups of these supernatural gifts.**
 - ❖ **Theological virtues**
 - ❖ **Gifts of the Holy Spirit**



Theological Virtues



- + Theological is a big word. It means from God.
- + Virtue means "something good."
- + The Theological Virtues are something good that comes from God.
- + They will help get (or draw) us closer to God.
- + There are three theological virtues we receive:
 - ❖ Faith – a gift that helps us believe and trust in God when we learn about God,
 - ❖ Hope – a gift that helps us desire what is good, e.g., we hope to live in heaven with God. God puts that desire in our soul. We call that desire from God the virtue of hope.
 - ❖ Charity – a gift of love; it helps us love rightly – God and neighbor.
- + The problem sometimes is that we don't use these gifts very well.
- + Sin can get in way: our sins and the sins of others.
- + Lack of knowledge about God and his ways.
- + Bad examples of other people.
- + Lack of true love from others (maybe even parents).

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

- ✚ The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are like seeds planted in our soul. These seeds, if we allow them to grow and help them to grow, will produce fruit.
- ✚ There are seven that we know about (that the Bible talks about).
- ✚ They are:
 - ❖ Knowledge
 - ❖ Wisdom (or Insight)
 - ❖ Understanding
 - ❖ Fortitude (or Courage)
 - ❖ Counsel (or Guidance)
 - ❖ Piety
 - ❖ Fear of (offending) the Lord
- ✚ We will talk more about these later.



- ✚ The important part of the Sacrament of Baptism is the water and the words.
- ✚ But we like to celebrate things (like birthdays). We invite friends to come and celebrate with us. We generally have a cake with candles, make a wish and blow out the candles. We may have ice cream with the cake.
- ✚ We also celebrate the sacraments.
- ✚ In baptism:
 - ❖ We use special oils to anoint the person (before and after the baptism).
 - ❖ We present the person with a white garment.
 - ❖ We light a candle (the baptismal candle) from the Easter candle. The candle represents Christ, the light of the world.



Godparents

- ✚ When a person is baptized special people (usually two) are asked to be godparents.
- ✚ Godparents are to help the parents.
- ✚ They are to be good examples for the person being baptized.
- ✚ Usually, a godfather and godmother are chosen by the parents.



 **Why do we use water in baptism?**



 **It is sign (or symbol) that means something.**



A stop sign tells us what? To stop!

- ✚ Water is use to clean, to wash away dirt.
- ✚ Water is needed for the crops to grow.
- ✚ We drink water because our bodies need it.



- ✚ Water in baptism is a sign that are sins are washed away (original sin and any personal sins); a sign that are souls are cleansed.

