

## **BIBLE CHALLENGE**

1. How many sacraments are there in the Lutheran church?
  - a. Three
  - b. Seven
  - c. Two
  - d. Four
  
2. What are the sacraments?
  - a. Holy Communion
  - b. Marriage
  - c. Baptism
  - d. Confirmation
  
3. What makes it a sacrament?
  - a. It's a command of Jesus Christ
  - b. It's God's promise to love us ... forgive us ... save us
  - c. It includes an earthly/ordinary thing
  - d. All of the above
  
4. A candle is presented to the person being baptized because:
  - a. Help them find their way home in the dark
  - b. Let the light of Jesus Christ shine through them
  - c. It looks pretty on the mantle
  - e. All of the above
  
5. Why is oil used in baptism?
  - a. To lubricate the font
  - b. Anoint the baptized as God's chosen one
  - c. Oil has long been a tradition in Christian ceremonies
  - d. The Bible tells us to
  
6. What are the promises we make to God in baptism?
  - a. To love God
  - b. To grow in faith
  - c. To study God's Word
  - d. Learn the Lord's Prayer, Creed, Ten Commandments
  - e. To teach children about God and Jesus Christ
  - d. As adults ... to continue to learn and grow
  - f. All of the above

## **HOLY BAPTISM**

### ***What is Baptism?***

Baptism is not simply plain water. Instead it is water used according to God's command and connected with God's Word.

### ***What then is this Word of God?***

Where our Lord Jesus Christ says in Matthew 28:19, "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."

### ***What gifts or benefits does Baptism grant?***

It brings about forgiveness of sins, redeems from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe it, as the Word and promise of God declare.

### ***What is this Word and promise of God?***

Where our Lord Jesus Christ says in Mark 16:16, "The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned."

### ***How can water do such great things?***

Clearly the water does not do it, but the Word of God, which is with, in, and among the water, and faith, which trusts this Word of God in the water. For without the Word of God the water is plain water and not a baptism, but with the Word of God it is a baptism, that is, a grace-filled water of life and a "bath of the new birth in the Holy Spirit." As St. Paul says to Titus in 3:5-8, "He saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. The Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. The saying is sure."

(Luther's Small Catechism)

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Answers: 1. c; 2. a, c; 3. d; 4. b; 5. b; 6. f