Bible Class Baptism Gives Us New Life



Text: Titus 3:1-8

- Our Heavenly Family
- ▶ I Believe
- ▼ God Comes To Us
 - Baptism cleanses from...
 - Baptism saves
 - Baptism Gives us New ...
 - Jesus gives us His bod...
 - Communion is a myste...
 - In Remembrance of Me
 - Confession and Absolu...

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Graces of the Heirs of Grace (NKJV) Be Ready for Every Good Work (ESV)

3 Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work, ² to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men. ³ For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient,

deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another. ⁴ But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, ⁵ not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

⁸ This is a faithful saying, and these things I want you to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works.

These things are good and profitable to men.

Opening Prayer 618

Here we bring a child of nature; home we take a newborn creature now God's precious son or daughter born again by word and Water.

See This wonder in the making God Himself this child is taking as a lamb safe in his keeping His to be awake or sleeping.

Miracle each time it happens as the door of heaven opens and the Father beams, Beloved heir of gifts a king would covet.

A. Our Need for New Life (vv.1–3)

- Hateful is actually "self-revealed failure" it is not the same word as being hated by the world.
- Paul reminds Titus of the *before* picture: foolish, disobedient, enslaved by passions.
- Contrast: what we were vs. what we are now in Christ.
- **Ask:** Why is it important to remember both what we were *before Christ* and what God has done for us?

B. God's Gift of Salvation (vv.4–5a)

- "When the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared..." → He saved us.
- Not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy.
- Ask: How does this verse protect us from both pride and despair in our Christian life?

C. Baptism: Washing of Rebirth and Renewal (vv.5b-6)

- "Washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit."
- Baptism is not just symbolic—God is at work giving new life.
- Tied to the Holy Spirit's ongoing renewal.
- Ask: What does it mean that baptism is both a past event and a present reality in our lives?

D. Living as God's New People (vv.7–8)

- We are justified by grace → heirs with the hope of eternal life.
- The response: devoting ourselves to good works.
- Good works flow *out of* baptismal identity, not into salvation.
- Ask: How do good works show that we live in the new life given in baptism?

4. Key Takeaways

- We were lost and enslaved, but God saved us in His mercy.
- Baptism is God's act: washing, rebirth, renewal.
- Baptism gives us new life now and points us toward eternal life.

• New life bears fruit in good works, not as a way to earn salvation, but as the Spirit's work in us.

5. Closing

- Re-read Titus 3:5–6 as a summary.
- Encourage participants to connect their baptism to their daily living.

Closing Prayer:

"Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of new life in baptism. Help us daily to live as Your redeemed children, showing Your love in our words and actions. Amen."

Baptism Pictures and Meaning (Adapted from LSB p 1369)			
Old Testament Example	New Testament Affirmation	Meaning	
Flood	1 Peter 3:20-21	God saves through water.	
Circumcision	Colossians 2:11-12	Baptism is like circumcision.	
The Exodus	I Cor 10:1-2 and Col 2:12-15	Baptism swallows death like the Red Sea swallowed Pharaoh	
Ritual Cleansing	Mk 7:1-5, Heb. 9:11-14 19-22 and 10:22	Washing makes pure. Baptism mirrors the blood in the covenant.	
The promised land	1 Pet. 2:2-3 and 9-12	Had to cross water before the promised land.	
New Life	John 3:5 and Acts 2:38-39	Ezekiel foretold of a new heart and the Holy Spirit.	

Jesus	Picture	Natural understanding Perhaps Nicodemus started to learn Jesus' way.
Old Adam Dies New Man lives	Reborn	Go into mother's womb
Born of water and Holy Spirit	Baptism	Didn't understand
flesh is flesh spirit is spirit	Live like born	Didn't understand
knows all	wind	hears it but doesn't know where it is from or going
knows them	Spiritual things	Even as a teacher is confused.
Those who love the light live	Light and Dark	Still was walking in Darkness
Good walks toward the light	Good and Evil	Loves Darkness to cover sin

Christ work for us through baptism				
Item	Before	After		
Death	Jesus died for our sins.	Our old Adam died in baptism.		
Life	Jesus rose from the dead.	We walk in the newness of life.		
With Christ	Divided	United		
Relation to sin	Slave	Free		
body parts as instruments	unrighteousness	righteousness		
Under	the law	Grace		
Continue in sin	always	no longer reigns		