

# The Sacrament of Baptism

Sacraments ordained of Christ are not only badges or tokens of the Christian life, but rather they are sure witnesses, and effectual signs of grace, and God's good will towards us, by which he works in us, and not only quickens, but also strengthens and confirms our Faith in him. There are two Sacraments ordained by Christ Jesus in the Gospel, Baptism, and the Supper of the Lord (Holy Communion).

The Sacraments were not ordained by Christ to be gazed upon, but that we should actually use them. Baptism is a sign of Regeneration or new Birth, whereby, as by an instrument, they that receive Baptism rightly are grafted into the Church; the promises of forgiveness of sin, and of our adoption to be the sons of God by the Holy Ghost, are visibly signed and sealed; Faith is confirmed.

The inward and spiritual grace is death to sin and new birth to righteousness, through union with Christ in his death and resurrection (ROMANS 6:1-11).

The minister should encourage parents not to defer the Baptism of their children.