



WHAT IS THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM?

CCC 1213: Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the spirit... and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission.

(1) ALLOWS US TO ENTER GOD'S KINGDOM

Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God (John 3:5).

(2) CLEANSSES US FROM ALL OUR SINS AND ALL PUNISHMENT DUE TO SIN

Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38).

(3) MAKES US SHARE IN CHRIST'S DEATH AND RESURRECTION

We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life (Romans 6:4).

(4) IS A PRECIOUS GIFT FROM JESUS

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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age (Matthew 28: 19-20).