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Memory Work Finished: ____
Lesson Finished: ____

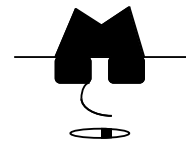
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Comprehension Exercise
Lesson #13
Nature of Baptism

I. Cram the Memorization into your brain

- A. Write (or type) the memory work out
- B. Say it out loud
- C. Erase or white out one word
- D. Go back to step B, and repeat until the whole thing is gone
- E. Do something else for 10+ minutes
- F. Say it to yourself to make sure you know it
- G. Review before Confirmation class or Sunday School. I will be available 10 minutes before class Wednesday to hear recitations or to watch you write it.

II. Did you do a Secret Service yet this month? If not, plan one now!



III. Defining Terms

Define the following terms from the memorization:

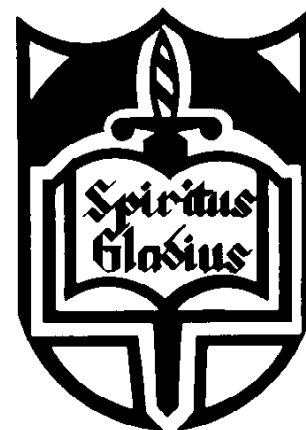
- A. Baptism:
- B. included in God's command:
- C. combined with God's word:
- D. disciples:
- E. all nations:

IV. Unsheathe Your Sword!

- A. Read Acts 16:25-33
- B. Who heard the Word from Paul and Silas?
- C. Who was baptized?

V. Getting the details

- A. How many sacraments are there?
- B. Who instituted Christian Baptism?
- C. Since it's God's Word that has the power, do you need water for Baptism?
- D. Who *usually* baptizes?
- E. In an emergency when the pastor isn't present, who should baptize?
- F. Why do infants need to be baptized?



G. What purpose do sponsors serve?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

H. In an emergency, how would you perform a baptism?



I. Early Christians used the shell symbol as a symbol of Baptism. Why is that? What do the 3 drops of water represent?

VI. Tying it in

God's Word is like a spider web. All the parts are connected and depend on each other and are related.

A. Compare Baptism & the 2nd Article of the Creed.

1. Name 2 things they have in common¹, and be specific.

- a)
- b)

B. How is this *wrong* teaching dangerous to the soul²:

“Baptism is only valid if done by immersion (dunking).” —taught by Baptists and many other Christian denominations

VII. What's the Point?

A. Imagine yourself in this situation. Given what you've learned from this lesson, how can you respond?

A friend is visiting church with you. That day, there's a Baptism of a baby. He says, “Why do you baptize babies?”

B. What could you say?

¹No answers like, “They both have to do with God.”

²Hint: Figure out how this would negate “Jesus, true God & true man, took my place on the cross so I can live forever with Him in the heaven & new creation, and I am saved 100% because of what *He* has done for *me*.”