

# Baptism

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[ 0 : 0 0 ] Let us turn now to consider words you will find in the passage we read The Gospel according to Matthew Chapter 16 And we may read it verse 17 And Jesus answered and said unto him Blessed art thou Simon Barjona For flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee But my Father which is in heaven And I say unto thee that thou art treated And upon this rock I will build my church And the gates of hell shall not prevail against it And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven And whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven And whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth

Shall be loosed in heaven There is no doubt that as you read this passage The confession that Peter made Of the Messiahship of Jesus Opened the way For the organisation Of the disciples Into a church Having A constitution And a recognised function The confession was Very simple

Thou art The Christ The son Of the Living God And In Making that acknowledgement Of course it wasn't the first time That Peter Had Recognised His Messiahship But There was An unfolding To Peter Just in a minute Of the Revelation Of God The Father With reference To his own Son In the confession That he made He was able To penetrate Through the veil Of our Lord's Human nature And to recognise In his presence Not just the Son of Man But as he says here The son

Of the living God And yet There were aspects Of that Messiahship That Peter Found Extremely difficult To understand Indeed impossible To understand But very shortly As we read in another passage Very shortly After he made That confession He was told By the Lord Get it behind me Satan For the saviour Is not the things That be of God But those That be of men And the reason Why He was told To adopt that position To get behind the Lord Was say Or at least Why Satan Through him Was told To get behind the Lord The reason For it was this That that For which This Messiah The Anointed One Had come into the world Namely To die That for which

He had come into the world Was a thought Which was so repugnant To Peter That he was prepared To keep his Lord From The act Of dying And so we have to recognise That though in a measure He was able To understand That the person Whom he was following Was none other than The son of God Who had become The son of man He found it difficult To understand Why That son of God Had become The son of man And why he was The anointed The Messiah Of God He found it difficult To understand Indeed impossible As I said To understand That that Son of man Had come into the world To die And yet

[ 5 : 0 2 ] From the words Of Jesus To Peter We understand That he was able To penetrate As I said Through The veil Of his human nature And to recognise him As truly The son Of God And this confession That escaped The lips of Peter And this confession That he made In the name of All the other disciples Whom say ye that I am Peter answering for them all Said thou art The Christ The son Of the living God That confession Our Lord Ascribes To the Revelation To Peter By God The father Simon Blessed art thou Simon Bar Jonah Son of Jonah For flesh and blood Hath not revealed Hath not revealed it Unto thee But my father

Which is In heaven The recognition Of the messiahship Of Jesus And the recognition Of the lordship Of Jesus Is that which is Ascribed not to Any innate Knowledge That Peter possessed Not to any Ability that he had Intellectual or otherwise To work himself To work himself Towards That day Confession That recognition It is attributed To the revelation By God To Peter This isn't the product Of flesh and blood This isn't the product Of gifted understanding Of human Intellectualism This isn't the product Of advanced reasoning On your part It isn't flesh and blood That has brought you To the acknowledgement Of this Messiahship It is a revelation To thee

From my father Which is in heaven And therein Lay The blessedness Of Peter Thou Art Blessed For this reason And for this reason alone Not because of any Quality Characteristic In yourself Not because you are More advanced Not more privileged Than anybody else Not because you hold A place of position And authority Above anybody else Blessed Simply and solely Because of what God the father Has done For you And what God the father Has done In you And this is always The nature of Blessedness When Jesus came Preaching That sermon On the mount Blessed Are the poor In spirit And so on You will remember As we saw In the beginning Of our studies In the sermon On the mount Of the congregation

Fellowship You will remember That blessedness Hinges on two things What God does For a person And what God Does in a person And no one Is blessed In the way In which Jesus Used the word Either here Or in the sermon But in that way Blessed By the grace Of God Enlightening His mind Blessed By the spirit Of God Enlightening His understanding In the knowledge Of Jesus Christ As Lord And saviour Well then That confession As we see now Formed The basis And opened The way For the organisation Of the disciples Into a church Having Having A recognised Constitution And a recognised Function And it is At the church That I want to look With you today As it is brought before us Here in the words Of our Lord Because

In the receiving Children By baptism Here today We are receiving them Into the fellowship Of the Christian church And I want with you To have a look At that church In the light Of these words And very quickly And briefly To consider Three or four things With you First of all The church And its foundation Upon this rock I will build My church Secondary The church And its builder I will build My church Third The church And its enemies The gates of hell Shall not prevail Against it Fourthly The church And its security It shall not The gates of hell Shall not prevail Against it And finally The church And its authority I will give unto thee The keys Of the kingdom Of heaven And so on First of all then The church And its foundation Upon this rock I will build My church

[10:05] Now This isn't the place Nor the time To go into A detailed Account Of the Claims That are made By the church Of Rome For the primacy Of Peter Based upon These words As you know Full well This is one Of the Great Pillars Of the Roman Catholic Church Regarding the Papacy It is built Upon this So they claim The words That the Lord Addressed to Peter Thou art Peter And I will Build My church Upon you The rock As you know Peter Petros Means Rock Now This as I said Isn't the time To go into A Refutation Of that Claim Just to Very briefly Suggest to you Two Other Interpretations Of these Words First of all That Jesus Referring to Himself Upon this Rock And

By doing That is Making a Gesture in His own Direction Saying to Peter Thou art Peter But upon This rock That is me I will Build My church Now that May be The case Though it Is rather I feel Reading too Much into The text Because there Is no Indication Here That Peter That the Lord Made any Gesture whatsoever Towards Himself But when You take Into account Many of The other Passages In the Bible Such as 1 Corinthians Chapter 3 Verse 11 Ephesians Chapter 2 Verse 20 And Other Texts For example Matthew 18 I think That you Will readily Accept That the Foundation Upon which Jesus Is going To proceed To build His church Is twofold Perhaps even Threefold It must In the first Instance Have a Reference To himself As the Foundation That no Other can Lay but That which Is laid Christ

Jesus As Paul Goes on To tell It must Also be The teachings Of the Apostles Which the Lord Gave Them To proclaim The church Is built Upon As Paul Tells us Again in Corinthians Upon the Doctrine Or upon The truth The words Of the Apostles And the Prophets If we Could just In the Interest Of time Today And very Simply Put it Like this The Foundation Of the Christian Church Is all That Jesus Is All that Jesus Did All that Jesus Was And all That Jesus Said And Says The Whole Christian Church Is Built Upon That One Passion And upon That Person's Work And upon That Person's Words And that Person's Words

Found Expression In The Lives Of Peter Peter Confessed The Messiahship Of Jesus Peter Was Confessing The Messiahship Of Jesus In The Name Of All The Other Disciples And He Like them Was One Of The Living Stones Fitted Into This Building That Jesus Says He Was Going To Erect And Of Which He Himself In His Person In His Work And In His Word Is The Foundation And In That Case Peter's Confession Students Dark Contrast To The Rejection Of The Messiah By Others Peter's Confession Recognized Recognized For What He Was When Others Were Turning Away

From Him And Abandoning The Claims That He Was Making Peter Stood Up As He Says Here Rock Like Steadfast And Made The Confession Which Is Part Of The Foundation Of The Church Structure Thou Art The Christ The Son Of The Living God And It Is On The Confession Of Men Of Whom Peter Was A Representative That The Lord Was Going To Build His Church And As You See The Words Of Our Lord Unfolding Here You Recognize Something Else That There Was A Connection In His Mind Between The Messiahship That Peter Confessed And The Sufferings That That Messiah Was Going To Endure I Will Build The Gates

[ 15 : 07 ] Of Hell Will Not Prevail Against It And From That Time Forth He Began To Show His Disciples How That He Must Go Into Jerusalem And Suffer Many Things Of The Elders And Of The Chief Priests And Scribes And Be Killed And Be Raised Again In The Jordan And When He Who Should Be But There ge kit The Πε τρων to Be Of Jesus Christ The Church's Foundation And Bay Jesus it to be Jesus in his passion in his work and in his words as they found expression in the mouth of Peter and with the rest of the Apostles and that which forms for us today the foundation of the church of which we ourselves form apart secondly the church and its builder I will build my church no here we understand and perhaps I should have made this clear at the very outset that when we speak of the church in this connection we are speaking of the what some people would refer to as the mystical body of Christ others would refer it to us refer it to refer to it as the invisible body of Christ the invisible body let us just remind ourselves what the church really is in this context the church is that body of believers who are brought together by the power of the grace of God and who worship the living God in the name of the living Savior by the power of the living Spirit that is the church of Jesus Christ it is a body of believers or as Peter himself would not speak it of us living stones brought together by God now how does a person become a member of the church of Christ is it the kick session that makes a personal member of the church is the minister I was at the person himself of course it is it is the Lord himself I will build my church he takes the initiative he takes the initiative this is what happens when grace takes hold of a person's life when a person is converted born again he is by virtue of that act of God in his life brought into the church of Jesus Christ the church of Christ is not the free church or the FP church or the church of Scotland nor the brethren nor the Episcopal church nor the church of Rome the church of Christ is formed of all those who are saved by the grace of God and brought into living fellowship with the living God through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ no matter where he or she may be no matter who she he or she may be no matter what language they use of what creed they have if they are saved by the grace of God they are members of the church of Christ this is his work not ours I will build

Paul may plant Paul may plant a polish may water but God give us the increase it is God who brings people by his grace into his own church and we know that the church is there for it is not the creation of man it is not the creation of the state it is not subject to the control of the state or dependent upon it in any way it is not the creation of the church in any way it is not regulated by its laws it doesn't have its constitution from its state it has it all from the Lord Jesus Christ its life is divine its origin is from God its power is from God it is not the product of someone's ingenuity no one has brought the church into being but God there are denominations which have been brought into being by the will of men and by the acts of men we owe our origin as a church to the determination and to the force out and to the courage of men there are many organisations in the world good organisations which owe their origin to men but this is one one which owes its origin to know man it is independent of man that it may be solely dependent of God I will build my church if you want to use the word originate it originated in universal commerce in the mind of God from all eternity God gave this church to the sun the sun came into the world to die for this church and the sun has sent the spirit into the world to bring into the world by his power working efficaciously in the lives of men and women boys and girls bringing them into the church and the spirit is in the world and angels are in the world to protect that church and to bring it ultimately into the presence of God until the day dawn when the sun will say of all his people of his judge to the father behold I and the children thou art which God has given unto me

I will build, they were given to me, died to save them, he sends his spirit into the world to convert them and the means that he uses is his word he brings them in through the instrumentality of the truth and in a sense he keeps them in there by the power of his grace operating through the word sanctify them through the truth thy word is truth you can think yourself of various ways in which the Lord builds his church but always remember that he is the author of it in the world all those who love the Lord Jesus Christ today are members of his church and then thirdly that leads us to consider the church and its enemies the gates of hell shall not prevail against it now this of course is figurative language the gates of hell what does this mean?

well you know the word gates referring to a city to a town had a special significance in the Bible when an army was going to attack a city if it took the gates the city was in its possession and those who lived in the city at all costs they defended the gates because if the gates fell they fell with it the gates of the city is a symbol for the power of the city the defense of the city it was also a symbol for something else over and over again you read of for example Boaz he went to the gates of the city to negotiate remember to negotiate the relation of the marriage bond between himself and Ruth Lot was seated at the gates of the city that was the place where the business and the legal administration of the place went on it was a symbol for the not just for the for the strength of the city but a symbol for the wisdom and the intellectual power and the administrative strength of the city and here you have the Lord using this word to indicate that all the power and all the resources all the power all the intellectual strength at the power of hell and at the power of Satan is used against the church of Jesus Christ in the world and don't you be mistaken into thinking that if you're a Christian that you are to draw the admiration of an unbelieving world to yourself my friend you won't do that you will draw the venom of an unbelieving world towards yourself you will draw the hatred and the opposition of an unbelieving world against yourself all those who love Satan who love hell don't love Christ or his people they oppose them and they hate them and there are times when I wonder if we really write in holding up our hands and dismay when people oppose the church of Jesus Christ we shouldn't be in the least but surprised we shouldn't be surprised that people are out to mock the church out to drag it into the dust out to destroy it and out to discredit it every single Christian every believer in the Lord is a prayer to the power of Satan and to the power of hell don't you forget it and I hope

I don't forget it either hell doesn't admire the church of Christ hell doesn't approve of the actions of the church of Christ hell and its emissaries don't applaud the church of Jesus Christ hell doesn't wish well for the church of Jesus Christ it never did and it never will and I have no doubt that there are people in this church today who do not love the Lord Jesus Christ and you may not like this and you may not really believe it but I wish you would believe it because you don't love him you're opposed to him these are his own words whosoever is not with me is against me of course there are people who feel that this is treading on toes and that perhaps you should put on the velvet gloves when you deal with people well the Lord didn't our function is to present the truth oh yes in the spirit of Christ but at all times the truth and if you are a friend of hell today make no mistake about it my friend you are opposed to the church of Jesus Christ you're against it oh you say well I've never really opposed a diamond sympathy with its stand and so on well that may be the way that you think but it would be far better for you to accept the words of the Lord

[ 27 : 18 ] Jesus Christ perhaps without your knowledge you see what you tend to forget is this that Satan could use you without knowing it here was this man who made a confession that was foundational to the church's existence thou art the son of the living God without knowing it minutes afterwards a tool in the hand of Satan for the destruction of that very church of which he himself was a member and what a sobering thought that is that you need not be an enemy of Christ to be a tool in the hand of Satan you could be a friend of the Lord's and Satan use you to try and destroy the very church of which you yourself are a member what a thought that is for you and for me and how many people have forgotten that thought and have ended up by spiritual shipwrecks and Satan laughing over them because he had used them for his own purposes of hell to destroy the Christian church there is no rest here for those who are the Lord's people there is no rest here for true members of the church of Jesus Christ one way or another

Satan will get at you one way or another he will use someone or something to try and destroy you oh my friend take heed that you and I stand take heed and let us remember also forth to hear the church and its security the gates of hell shall not prevail against it the church as he has told is not of the world but it is in the world and while it is there there must have been a clash between the two kingdoms who comprise this world the kingdom of Christ and the kingdom of darkness and yet the church of Jesus Christ will not be destroyed it is durable it is indestructible as he as Paul wanted to tell us in Romans chapter 8 I am persuaded that nothing will separate nothing will sever the church from the Lord there will always be the church of Jesus Christ in the world he is its builder and the church under his hand will abide the church will always have its creed and will always have its doctrines and will always have its disciplines throughout all ages there will always be the church of Jesus Christ oh yes

I know that in the history of this world it seemed as though the church was not in existence at all someone was once asked you probably heard the story already a godly woman was once asked where was the church of Jesus Christ in the dark ages wherever there was a believing soul praying to God behind a dike there was the church of Jesus Christ a denomination may come and go branches of the visible church may come and go as we understand there were churches in Ephesus and in Philadelphia and in Sardis and in other areas to whom the Lord addressed letters and said repent and believe or else I will come and remove thy candlestick and the candlestick has been removed they are no longer there there have been denominations in other areas of our land who aren't there today and because he says the church will prevail the gates of hell will not prevail against it because he says that that is no reason for you and me to think that the free church and the FP church and the church of Scotland and any denomination is going to continue forever and ever and ever that is not the case he's not talking about denominations he's talking about the church the mystical body of Jesus Christ he leads and he builds and he directs his church he is its strength and he is its solace and that church of which he is the builder and of which he is the foundation and of which he is its director that church will always prevail as long as sun and moon endure they shall fear thee in the world there will never come a time and there has never been a time have you realised that there has never been a time when Jesus Christ was without his own in the world there will never be a time till the last day come when he will be without his own in the world in a very real sense this world in which you and I live today survives is kept in existence for the sake of the church remember one of the great remember that great inventory that Paul refers to in 1 Corinthians chapter 3 where he lists a catalogue of things which belong to all those who are in Christ and amongst them the world the world belongs to the Christian church and yet there may be many people in that church who don't have a square inch of the world to call their own and yet they can't say of the world in Christ the world is mine it exists for the sake of the church it exists for the glory of the church united to our Lord and no weapon that is formed in the world by Satan by hell or anyone else will ever destroy the church of Christ in the world as someone put it where are things and empires now of all that went and came there was a time you know when the Christian church as it says when the church of Christ looking at it outwardly was very weak and there were then great empires who had trodden under foot much of what the church of Christ stood for but here we are today and can we not say with a poet where are things

and empires now of all that went and came but Lord thy church is praying still a thousand years the same and shaken as eternal hills immovable she stands a mountain that shall fill the earth a house not made with hands the church of Jesus Christ will prevail finally in a word the church and its authority I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven and so on now of course these thoughts are very difficult indeed to understand and we ought to look at them in conjunction with Matthew 18 verse 18 and John chapter 20 verse 20 onwards just want to ask one or two questions of connection with it what exactly is Jesus saying well let us say immediately one thing that he is not saying and does this he is not in any way giving absolute power to the church to determine who belongs to and who doesn't in a congregation of a thousand people

I don't know how many people are believers and how many are not I have not the foggiest idea but he does and he hasn't given me or to anyone else on the face of this earth the authority to say who are believers and who aren't that authority lies ultimately and absolutely with himself and he will not delegate it to anybody else it is his to say who are the true members of his church at the same time we know from the word of God that he has organized that church or given it an organization it is a body that functions in the world and a body that must like every other body exercise discipline and authority over its own affairs in the world whatever that's our Lord is meaning here therefore he is not saying that absolute authority is given to any branch of his church in the world to say who will go to heaven or to say who will go to heaven and who will not go to heaven except or rather in so far as the word of God is to say this encourages us to say this and directs us to say this that all those who believe the Lord Jesus Christ as the saviour of the soul and as the foundation of their hope they and they alone will enter the kingdom of heaven and ultimately enter heaven itself and yet that church which is used as an organisation in the world must of necessity exercise authority and discipline in other words we know full well from the word of God and anyone who cares to read the Bible cannot turn a blind eye to this that the church of Jesus Christ in the world must determine who becomes a member and who doesn't if it doesn't exercise that authority and that discipline anarchy and chaos reigns within the Christian church the church's authority and the church's discipline is exercised in the name of Christ and again exercised on the basis of the word of God and that church lays down its conditions of entrance when it preaches the word in accordance with what the word of God says nothing is to be added to that word and nothing is to be taken from that word and the church has warranted therefore to take a person who believes and repents and loves and obeys the Lord and to throw its doors open to that person it is perfectly warranted in obedience to the word of God to do that so that whosoever is as it were the door is opened by the church's authority by the church's leaders to let people into it in accordance with the authority vested with it and if the church exercise that authority in dependence upon the word and in accordance with the word the church is then exercising the discipline and the authority given to it by the law the church may declare not augment the conditions laid down by Christ and the apostles

[ 39 : 38 ] for entrance into it as a kingdom and into it as a house and those conditions it must fully declare and the very least that a person is asked to subscribe to in seeking church privileges the very least is a confession of faith in Christ as Lord Christ as Messiah the Son of Man who is also the Son of the living God and an admission that that person is subject to the laws of the Lord Jesus Christ governing the church and therefore governing himself and herself let us pray bless to us O Lord thy word give us grace that we may put our trust in thee guide us with thy counsel we pray thee and continue with us for Jesus sake

Amen Psalm 89 and we shall read from verse 29 verse 29 his seed I by my power will make forever to endure and as the days of heaven his throne shall stable be and sure but if his children shall forsake my laws and go astray and in my judgment shall not walk but wander from my way if they my laws break and do not keep my commandments I'll visit then their faults with rods their sins with chastisement from verse 29 to 37 six verses in Psalm 89 his seed I by my power will make forever to endure even who

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[ 44 : 42 ] Oh One of the Short Passages for the Warrant for the administration of the sacrament In Matthew chapter 28

Go ye into Therefore and teach all nations baptizing them Into the name of the Father and of the Son And of the Holy Ghost Teach them to observe All things That I command And Unto you Now if I may just Very briefly Address a word or two To you in connection with This baptism And just Following on from what I was trying to speak about this morning That As I said As I said you come here today to Receive the Sacrament of baptism On the basis of your own On the basis of your confession of faith And These Confessions The confession that we expect of you as a church Is one which we believe conforms to The demands that are placed upon you

In the word of God And In making that confession as you have made at the church session You also promise to bring up your children in the fear and the admonition of the Lord And that will form the basis of the few words that I will speak to you here This morning Before Continuing with the Baptism The Great means that God has placed in your hands for the Upbringing of your children Is of course the Word of his own grace And that is a word which Adequately Fully Brings before you All that you or your child will ever need to know About the salvation Of God The scripture able to make us wise unto salvation Through faith that is in Christ Jesus Our Lord And The Bible is all that you need to guide you To direct you To discipline your own life

And to discipline the life Of your child And That word Of course Can only become a Means of blessing in their life And in your own life Through the power of the Holy Spirit Applying that truth with conviction With meaning And With a Light And I think that the longer that you and I go on in this world The more we ought to recognise Our need Of that word And our need of being guided by the truth Into the knowledge of Jesus Christ One or two other things As you were told at the session See that The The Profession that you made there Is one Which will be Meaningful To the child That child of you Will soon discover Whether you mean nothing Or not Whether you mean what you say Or not

Whether you mean what you've promised Or not And don't be afraid to let your child see you Not only reading the Bible But studying it Reading it Reading it with your child Explaining it to your child See that your child sees you Praying for light Praying for guidance Praying for help That's a poor legacy that any parent is bequeathing to his child If he's going to leave that child behind in the world With a child never having had a recollection Of seeing his father and mother reading a Bible Or going to church Praying with them Guiding them Along life's way The text I had here this morning Finished with the words Part of it was The gates of hell shall not prevail against the Christian church I want to leave you with this thought Take heed Lest at last The gates of hell prevail against you

[ 49 : 57 ] Take heed lest the devil claim you as his own And you be cast away forever And that man would want to say this Take heed lest you go down to the pit From the land of the Bible And in the full light of Christ's Gospel Take heed lest you are found at the left hand of Christ at the last A lost Presbyterian A lost free churchman A lost Persian From the congregation of Stornoway Lost because with all your zeal For your own denomination congregation You never joined the one True church That the Lord Jesus Christ Died to found And that the Lord Jesus Christ Now builds Through the word Will the Parents please be upstanding The fathers please be upstanding Now I will just put the vows once

And run my eye along the whole line Expect to get a nod from you all In answer to these questions You believe the Lord Jesus Christ To be the only saviour Presented to you By the word of God Which you claim to be your own authority For your life And conduct And you claim that There is no other guide that you have to direct you And you promise in the presence of God And before these witnesses To bring up Those your children Who you have to send here today for baptism You promise to bring them up in the fear In the nurture And in the admonition Of the Lord Will the congregation please be upstanding And remain upstanding After the prayer

Let us pray O Lord our God We acknowledge thee as our God And our Lord And our saviour We pray for thy presence with us here today As we Come together And as we Now administer the sacrament in thy name And in accords of thy word Do thou give us direction And counsel And guidance And grant that We would recognise The tremendous responsibility That rests upon us And especially upon those Who take these vows upon themselves today To the one who take for them as parents and children And bless each one of us here today as our congregation May it be impressed upon our hearts How indebted we are to thee And how dependent we are upon thee And upon thy grace Be with us O Lord And bless us now This day And forgive our sins For Jesus' sake

Amen Will you take your children please For baptism Come here Come here Donald Mardo Mardo I baptise you In the name of the Father and of the Son And of the Holy Spirit One God May the Lord richly bless you Alison Rona I baptise you In the name of the Father and of the Son And of the Holy Spirit One God May the Lord richly bless you Scott I baptise you Scott I baptise you In the name of the Father and of the Son And of the Holy Spirit One God May the Lord bless you Erica I baptise you In the name of the Father and of the Son

And of the Holy Spirit One God May the Lord's blessing be upon you Helen Jane I baptise you In the name of the Father and of the Son And of the Holy Spirit One God May the Lord richly bless you In the name of the Father and of the Son And of the Holy Spirit One God May the Lord richly bless you Christine Diane Diane, I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son of the Holy Spirit, one God. May the Lord's blessing be upon you.

[ 54 : 39 ] John, I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son of the Holy Spirit, one God. May the Lord bless you.

Catherine Louise, I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son of the Holy Spirit, one God. May the Lord bless you.

Matthew, I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Spirit and of the Son. May the Lord's blessing be upon you.

David, Ian, I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord's blessing be upon you.

Mr. Noah, I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son of the Holy Spirit, one God. May the Lord's blessing be upon you.

[ 55 : 47 ] John, I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son of the Holy Spirit, one God. May the Lord bless you.

And Naomi, I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son of the Holy Spirit, one God. May the Lord's blessing be upon you. Daniel, I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son of the Holy Spirit, one God. May the Lord bless you.

Jillian, I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son of the Holy Spirit, one God. May the Lord bless you.

Linda, I baptise you in the name of the Father and of the Son of the Holy Spirit, one God. May the Lord's blessing be upon you. Let us pray.

O Lord, our God, we thank thee for thy church in the world and we thank thee for the many blessings that thou hast bestowed upon us within its pale.

[ 57 : 25 ] And as we gather here today and as these children are now brought into the, within the pale of the Christian church, to receive all the privileges that that church can bestow upon it in accordance with thy word and obedience to thy law.

We pray for them and for their parents that they may know the blessing and the favour of God Almighty. We pray that they may know the blessing and that they may know the blessing and the favour of God.

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That they may know the blessing and that they may know the blessing and the losías, that they may know the finest that they may know theries and the rest of our life and what Kathryn, for needed grace, recognizing that without thee we can do nothing.

Have mercy upon us now and go before us, forgiving all our sins. For Jesus' sake. Amen.