

## Lecture 27 – The Means of Grace: Historical Views & Baptism

*Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin...*

*Romans 6:3-6*

### Key Terms

The Council of Trent, necessity, efficacy, memorial, sign & seal, covenant of grace, ordained, institution & authority, mode

### Lecture Objectives

- Describe the historical views of baptism, identifying some implications for Gospel communication and living by grace
- Place a reformed understanding in its historical context and identify the scriptural and historic rationale from which it grows
- Recognize and articulate important implications of the doctrine of baptism for evangelism, salvation, and the Christian life

### Preview

We have been discussion the relationship between the Word and sacraments, emphasizing their similarities and dissimilarities. We will now step back into the field of historical theology, overviewing the major views that have been taken on the nature of the sacraments. We will also begin a biblical exploration of the doctrine of baptism as a means of grace. Prior outline points have been listed for continuity.

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I. The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

II. The Doctrine of Election

III. The Doctrine of the Church

IV. The Means of Grace

A. Introduction

B. The Word

C. Sacraments


1. The sacraments in general


a. Classic definitions

b. Biblical teaching

\*c. Historical views

1) Roman Catholic

 *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*

 *Fundamentals of Catholic Dogma* by Ludwig Ott

2) Lutheran

3) Zwinglian

4) Reformed

a) Purposes

b) Parts

- c) Efficacy
- d) Number
- 2. Baptism as a means of grace
  - a. Institution
  - b. Mode
    - 📖 *Infant Baptism in the First Four Centuries* by J. Jeremias
    - 📖 *Did the Early Church Baptize Infants* by Kurt Aland
  - c. Significance
    - 1) Union with Christ
      - a) Matthew 28:19
      - b) Romans 6:3-6
      - c) Galatians 3:27
    - 2) Forgiveness
      - a) Acts 2:38; 22:16
      - b) Colossians 2:11-12