

## Lecture 28 – The Means of Grace: Baptism

*One Lord, one faith, one baptism; Ephesians 4:5*

### Key Terms

Apostolic teacher, believers' baptism, infant baptism

### Lecture Objectives

- To summarize the apostolic teaching on baptism
- Locate and summarize the rationale for both believers and infant baptism
- Explore the implications of your understanding of baptism for the Christian life and ministry

### Preview

Having focused on the historical views of the sacraments, we moved into a specific study of baptism as a means of grace. This lecture will continue our work with the biblical data as we consider the much debated issue of the subject of baptism. To do this we will couch our discussion in the framework of biblical theology. Prior outline points have been listed for continuity.

### The Means of Grace: Baptism

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

\*d. Apostolic teaching

1) Not essential for salvation

2) By the Holy Spirit

3) One baptism

4) Baptism for the dead

e. Subjects

1) Believers' baptism

2) Infant baptism

a) The Abrahamic covenant is the basis of the new covenant

(1) It is spiritual

(2) It is the basis for the new covenant

(3) Unity between OT and NT

b) God has relationships with individuals and families

(1) Abrahamic covenant


(a) Genesis 17:7

(b) Psalms 103:17-18

(2) New covenant

(a) Acts 2:38-39

(b) 1 Corinthians 7:14: unbelieving spouse

- (i) Unbeliever with Christian spouse
  - (ii) Unsaved person with no Christian family
  - (iii) The believer
- c) God's will regarding both covenants
- (1) Abrahamic covenant
    - (a) Genesis 17:10-14
  - (2) New covenant
    - (a) Acts 16:14-15, 31-34
    - (b) 1 Corinthians 1:16
      -  *The Doctrine of the Knowledge of God*  
by John Frame (under "Burden of Proof")