

Introduction

- I. The Word of God last week encouraged us to think about our baptism – adults and children.
- II. We are a church that loves to baptize our children. Why?

The Covenant Basis for Infant Baptism

I. *The Covenant of Grace*

A. God's covenant of grace is the bond of friendship that He makes with His people in Jesus Christ.

1.

2.

3.

B. This teaching of God's covenant distinguishes us from the Baptists and those who baptize their children on the basis of a conditional covenant.

II. *The Covenant Sign*

A. The Lord Jesus Christ has replaced circumcision with baptism. This means baptism is now the sign of the covenant. Colossians 2:11, 12; Rom. 4:11

B. This is a powerful argument for why we must baptize our children. How do we explain the fact that there is no clear evidence in the NT of infant baptism? Why is this?

III. *The Covenant Viewpoint* – how do we view our children?

A. We must view them as God speaks of them in the Holy Scriptures.

B. This means we will instruct them and call them to obey God.