

WORSHIP GUIDE

WHY DOES THE OPC BAPTIZE INFANTS? PART 3



YOU WILL RECALL that we began looking at the five step explanation of why it is that we baptize infants. You can find this as a free pdf on the OPC website, opc.org. Here are the five steps, the first of which we started looking at last week. (1) The church of the Old Testament and the church of the New Testament are, in essence, the same church. (2) God regards the children of believers as members of this church. (3) In the Old Testament era, the children of believers, because they were church members, were given the covenant sign of circumcision. (4) In the New Testament era, God has taken the sign of circumcision and changed it to baptism. (5) Therefore, in the New Testament era, the children of believers, because they are church members, are to be given the sign of baptism.

In Step 1, we stated, “Kind of like a caterpillar and a butterfly, the church of the Old Testament and the church of the New Testament are quite different in *form*, but they’re the same in *essence*.” Both have the same way of salvation.

What follows is from *Why Does the OPC Baptize Infants?*:

Both look to the same Savior. *Romans 3:20–26* - “But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify... In his forbearance [God] had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished - he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.” In Old Testament times, people were saved by trusting in the redeeming work that God *would provide* in Christ. Today, people are saved by trusting in the redeeming work that God *has provided* in Christ.

When Old Testament believers brought sacrifices in faith, they were trusting in the sacrifice that God would one day provide. *Hebrews 10:1, 4, 10, 12* - “The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming - not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship... It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins... We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all... When this priest [Jesus] had offered *for all time* one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God.”

Both are in the same covenant relationship. *Galatians 3:7–9, 14, 29* - “Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham. The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: ‘All nations will be blessed through you.’ So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith... [Christ] redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit... If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.”

“Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.” - Luke 18:16

Sermon Notes

Guest Minister, Rev. Daniel Shin

Honoring God’s Name

Malachi 1:6-14

God wants His name to be honored with sacrifices.

I. He rebukes polluted sacrifices

II. He promises pure sacrifices

Coming Up:

8/20/23 PM Service:

Guest Minister, Rev. Daniel Shin

Jesus Calms the Storm

Mark 4:35-41

8/27/23 AM Service:

Reject or Follow the Son of Man

Persistent Prayer

Luke 18:1-8

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The Lord’s Day Morning

Sunday, August 20, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

The Reverend Mr. Daniel Shin, *Presiding*

Ruling Elder Mr. LeRoy Osborn, *Assisting*

The Silent Preparation

The Announcements

The Greeting and Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1

* The Hymn of Praise

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

see bulletin

* The Prayer of Invocation and Adoration

* The Reading of the Law and Confession of Sin

Deut. 5:6-7; Jeremiah 14:22; Psalm 71:19; Isaiah 8:13; Daniel 9:4-7a

see bulletin

* The Gospel Promise

1 Peter 2:24-25

see bulletin

* The Response of Thanksgiving

Isaiah 12:1

see bulletin

* The Doxology

* The Pastoral Prayer

The Old Testament Reading

Leviticus 17:10-16

The New Testament Reading

Matthew 27:1-10

* The Prayer of Thanksgiving

* The Worship of God with Our Offerings

* The Psalms of Preparation

Psalm 45:10-17 - *Daughter, Incline Your Ear*

Psalm 45C

Psalm 124:1-8 - *Unless the LORD Had Been There*

Psalm 124

The Prayer of Illumination

The Preaching of God’s Word

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Honoring God’s Name

Malachi 1:6-14

* The Prayer of Application

* The Song of Response

I Thought upon the Days of Old

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* The Benediction

* The Gloria Patri

* — Please stand as you are able. Following Scriptural principle for public prayer (Neh. 9:2-4, 2 Chron. 20:5-13; Mark 11:25), we follow in the footsteps of the early church and our Presbyterian heritage in standing for most of the public prayers.

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

1. Stand up, and bless the Lord,
2. Tho' high a - bove all praise,
3. O for the liv - ing flame,
4. God is our strength and song,
5. Stand up and bless the Lord,

ye peo - ple of His choice;
a - bove all bless - ing high,
from His own al - tar brought,
and His sal - va - tion ours;
the Lord your God a - dore;

stand up, and bless the Lord your God
who would not fear His ho - ly Name,
to touch our lips, our minds in - spire,
then be His love in Christ pro - claimed
stand up, and bless His glo - r'ous Name

with heart, and soul, and voice.
and laud and mag - ni - fy?
and wing to heav'n our thought!
with all our ran - somed pow'rs.
hence - forth for ev - er - more.

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Timothy Swight, 1800
From *The Trinity Hymnal* (Rev.) 1990

ST. THOMAS, S.M.
Aaron Williams, 1763
From *The Trinity Hymnal* (Rev.) 1990

The Reading of the Law

Deuteronomy 5:6-7; Jeremiah 14:22; Psalm 71:19; Isaiah 8:13

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me.

Are there any among the false gods of the nations that can bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Are you not he, O LORD our God? We set our hope on you, for you do all these things.

Your righteousness, O God, reaches the high heavens. You who have done great things, O God, who is like you?

But the LORD of hosts, him you shall honor as holy. Let him be your fear, and let him be your dread.

The Confession of Sin

Daniel 9:4-7a

O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. To you, O Lord, belongs righteousness, but to us open shame.

The Gospel Promise

1 Peter 2:24-25

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

The Response of Thanksgiving

Isaiah 12:1

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me.

I Thought upon the Days of Old

1. I thought up - on the days of old, The years de - parted long;
2. For - ev - er does His promise fail? Hath God for - gotten grace?
3. I will commem - o - rate the deeds Ac - complished by the LORD;
4. O God, most ho - ly is Thy way In Thy di - vine a - bode;

I held com - munion with my heart; By night recalled my song.
Hath He shut up His ten - der love? In an - ger hid His face?
The won - ders done of old by Thee I sure - ly will re - cord.
Who is so great a God of might As our Almight - y God?

My heart in - quir'd with anx - ious care, Will God for - ev - er spurn?
"But this is my in - fir - mi - ty," My thoughts at once re - ply;
I al - so will of all Thy works My med - i - ta - tion make;
Thou art the God of wondrous deeds Per - formed by Thy right hand;

Shall we no more his fa - vor see? Will mer - cy ne'er re - turn?
I'll call back years of God's right hand. The years of God Most High.
And of Thy do - ings to dis - course Great pleasure I will take.
Thou hast de - clared Thy strength a - mong The tribes of ev' - ry land.

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From Psalm 77
From *The Psalter*, 1912

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Scotch Melody
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