

Study Guide: The Sacrament of Baptism

To study the topic on the Church's teaching about Baptism, consult the paragraphs indicated in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (CCC). **Note that the "In Brief" sections may help answer the questions below.**

1. The Catechism cites three names for this sacrament. What are they, and why does the Catechism refer to these names? (CCC 1214-1216)
2. Why does the Church use water as the sacramental sign? What are some of the Old Testament connections? (CCC 1217-1222)
3. Why did Jesus allow himself to be baptized by John, since he had no sin to repent of? (CCC 1223-1225)
4. According to the New Testament, what does Baptism accomplish? (CCC 1226-1228)
5. According to the Catechism, what elements always have to be present during the stages of preparing for baptism? (CCC 1229-1230)
6. The Catechism focuses most of its attention on the baptism of adults. What does it say about the baptism of infants? (CCC 1231, 1250-1252)
7. List the events that take place during the baptism of adults, and what these events symbolize. (CCC 1234-1245)

8. What does the Catechism have to say about baptism and growth in faith? (CCC 1253-1255)

9. Who administers baptism?. (CCC 1256)

10. Why is baptism necessary? What about people who die before they receive it? (CCC 1257-1261)

11. What sins does baptism do away with? What remains behind? (CCC 1262-1264)

12. What does it mean to say that baptism makes a person a “new creature”? (CCC 1265-1266)

13. What else does baptism do? What responsibilities does that involve? (CCC 1267-1270)

14. What does the Catechism say about the “sacramental bond” of baptism? With whom are baptized Christians bonded? (CCC 1271)

15. Why cannot a person be re-baptized? (CCC 1272-1274)