

# FELLOWSHIP REFORMED CHURCH

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## “The Who, How, When and What of Baptism”

### Introduction

- A. Why the sermon?
  - B. Scripture: I Corinthians 1:10-17 (pg. 1,772)
  - C. It’s “both”--not either!
- I. Baptism is a “Command of Christ”  
Scripture: Matthew 28:18-20 (pg. 1,550)
- A. Sacrament
  - B. For all people
  - C. In the name of the Trinity
  - D. With water
- II. Baptism: For Adults Only?
- A. Scripture
    - 1. Mark 16:15-17 (pg. 1,585)
    - 2. Acts 2:38 (pg 1,694)
    - 3. Acts 8:12 (pg. 1,705)
  - B. The Order is Clear
    - 1. First believe
    - 2. Then be baptized
    - 3. Only adults can do this
  - C. Meaning of Adult Baptism
    - 1. Romans 6:3-4 (pg. 1,754)
    - 2. Colossians 2:12 (pg. 1,833)
    - 3. Dying to the old self and rising to the new self
    - 4. Perfect imagery for immersion.
  - D. An Open and Shut Case ....“if”

### III. Baptism: For Children and/or Infants

- A. Psalm 51:5 (pg. 889)
  - 1. Sinful from birth
  - 2. “Original Sin”
- B. Acts 22:16 (pg. 1,733)
  - 1. A sign of washing away of sin
  - 2. Who needs washing?
- C. Acts 2:38-39 (pg. 1,694)
  - 1. The “Promise”
  - 2. For you “and your children”
- D. Acts 16:15,33 (pg. 1,721)
  - 1. Household of Lydia
  - 2. Family of the jailor
- E. Circumcision and Baptism “Linked”
  - 1. Leviticus 12:3 (pg. 171)
  - 2. Colossians 2:11-12 (pg. 1,833)

### IV. How to Baptize

- A. If a first generation (adult)
  - 1. Immersion
  - 2. Sprinkle/Pour
- B. If a second generation (child/infant)
  - 1. Sprinkle/Pour (ie: Old Testament)
  - 2. “Covenant”

### V. Where do we (I) Stand?

- A. Water is the sign
- B. In the name of the Trinity
- C. Immersion or sprinkling/pouring for adults
- D. Sprinkling/Pouring for children/infants
- E. No power in the water or person
- F. Both need to be accepted