

April 24th, 2022

Schedule of Events:

This Week: 9:30 AM Reading Service, Classes after Service
6:30 PM Reading Service

Next Week: 9:30 AM Student Kleijer, No Classes
6:30 PM Student Kleijer

Wednesday: Confession of Faith Class

Thursday: Pre-school graduation at 7:00 PM

-All the Lord willing-

Announcements:

Offerings: 1st offering: General Fund

2nd offering Today: Alpha Center

2nd offering next week: School Fund

House Visitation: Clarence Zomer Monday 25th at 10:00 AM.

Remember in Prayer:

- Treyton Zdenek's surgery was postponed until the first week in May.
- Our widows, widowers and lonely ones, the unborn, prodigal sons and daughters, those undergoing treatments, and all those with hidden crosses. ("He will regard the prayer of the destitute, and not despise their prayer." Psalms 102:17)
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Meditation:

Dr. Ursinus' commentary on the Heidelberg Catechism Question 74. Part 2 of several.

Those unto whom the things signified belong, unto them the sign also belongs, unless there be some condition in the way of using it

which would forbid it, or unless there be some circumstance connected with the institution which would not admit of the observance of the rite, as females formerly were debarred from circumcision on account of their sex, and as infants at this day are excluded from the Lord's Supper because of their incapacity of showing the Lord's death, and proving themselves. The minor is manifest from the language of the covenant: "I will be a God unto thee, and thy seed after thee:" and from the following passages of Scripture: "Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." "The promise is unto you, and your children." "Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant, which God made with our fathers." "Your children are holy." "For if the root be holy, so are the branches." (Matt. 19:14. Acts 2:39; 3:25. 1 Cor. 7:14. Rom. 11:10.) So John the Baptist was sanctified from his mother's womb. He who will now diligently examine these testimonies from the word of God, will see that it is not only lawful, but that baptism ought to be administered to infants also: for they are holy; the promise is unto them; the kingdom of heaven is theirs; and God, who is certainly not the God of the wicked, declares that he will also be their God. Neither is there any condition in infants which would forbid the use of baptism. Who then can forbid water, or exclude them from baptism, seeing that they are partakers with the whole church of the same blessings?

Thirdly, A sacrament, which God has instituted to be a solemn rite of initiation into the church, and which is designed to distinguish the church from all the various sects, ought to be extended to all, of whatever age they may be, to whom the covenant and reception into the church rightfully belong. Baptism now is such a sacrament. Therefore it ought to be administered to all ages, and as a necessary consequence to infants also; for to whom the final cause belongs, to him the effect is properly and necessarily attributed.

Fourthly, under the Old Testament infants were circumcised as well as adults. Baptism occupies the place of circumcision in the New Testament, and has the same use that circumcision had in the Old Testament. Therefore infants are to be baptized as well as adults. The first proposition needs no proof. The second is proven by what the apostle Paul says: "Ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ: buried with him in baptism, wherein ye are also risen with him." (Col. 2:11, 12.) Baptism, therefore, is our circumcision, or the sacrament by which the same things are confirmed unto us, and to as many under the New Testament as under the Old by circumcision.

To be Continued

Notes:

Netherlands Reformed Congregation

Sioux Falls, SD



All who would like to stand for the 3rd song are welcome to.

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*O give thanks unto the LORD; call upon his name:
Make known his deeds among the people.*

Psalm 105:1

Church Times: 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 or 6:30 p.m