Baptism in the Early Church History Theology and Liturgy in the First Five Centuries

The Roman Catholic Church and Its Recognition of the Validity of Baptism in the Name of Jesus (Acts 2:38) from 100 A.D. to 500 A.D.

Baptized In Christ: A Catholic Study of the Sacrament of Baptism for Godparents & Parents

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The patristic period saw the shift towards baptism in the trinitarian form, being a later liturgical development, the original form being in the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 2:38). It is granted that documentary evidence has been preserved quite remarkably from the patristic period to at least the fifth century that shows and demonstrates the recognition of baptism in the name of Jesus by the Roman Catholic Church. To such an extent that even the Roman Catholic Church has noted the validity of baptism in the name of Jesus in a recent call for ecumenical dialogue. Roman Catholic scholars and theologians alike are in agreement with the baptismal formula of the name of Jesus and make no pretense about it, to the degree that even during the Ante-Nicene period we find a trial of individual(s) who baptized in the name of Jesus flowing from period of the early Greek apologist(s). The patristic era to the fifth century will present a large body of literature that convincingly shows baptism in the name of Jesus being validly recognized even within literature housed within the collection of writings of St. Cyprian Bishop of Carthage who was said to oppose such a practice. The Roman Catholic Church at large, voiced through its religious leaders, Church Fathers, Pope and theologians within this period have noted the original form of baptism being in the name of Jesus thereby continuing to acknowledge its validity and recognition.

The Early Church at Work and Worship, Vol II

Did the Early Church Baptize Infants?

Christians who otherwise love each other and work together on shared projects and causes nonetheless often disagree on the subject of baptism. Should infants be baptized, or is baptism for believers only? What exactly does baptism mean? What happens, if anything, when someone is baptized? Which is better -- sprinkling or immersion? These disagreements are disheartening to some and confusing to many. The sacrament of baptism from a Reformed perspective is clearly and thoughtfully outlined in this useful book. James Brownson explains the scriptural basis, the theological underpinnings, and the practical implications of this particular element of the faith. Organized into thirty brief, tightly focused chapters -- each of which centers on a key question -- and enhanced by thoughtful discussion questions, The Promise of Baptism will be an important resource for pastors, students, and laypersons seeking to better understand this sacrament that lies at the heart of the Christian faith.
heart of the church's life. A sampling of key questions addressed: What is a sacrament, and how does it differ from an "ordinance"? What's the relationship between baptism and being "born again"? How do the sacraments bring God's grace to us? Can someone be "saved" without being baptized? Can someone be baptized without being saved? Does baptism take the place of circumcision as the mark of the new covenant? What is "confirmation" or "profession of faith," and what is its relationship to baptism? What happens after baptism?

**Baptism and the Early Church. Affusion Or Submersion? A Study of Evidence**

Many recognize Everett Ferguson as the definitive voice on early Christianity, patristic writing and ecclesiology. The Early Church at Work and Worship is a challenging collection, broad in scope and formidable in depth. This is the first volume of Ferguson's collected essays, and includes some of his most memorable work, especially on laying on of hands. Practices of Ordination and attitudes to religious schism in antiquity are analysed by the scholar in this collection, which not only includes articles and publications from various sources, but also previously unpublished material.

**Baptismal Imagery in Early Christianity**

**The Origin and Relevance of Baptism to the Early Church**

**Living Water: Images, Symbols, and Settings of Early Christian Baptism**

This book brings together work by J. Ramsey Michaels, Joel Green, Howard Marshall, Bruce Chilton, Craig Evans and the editors, as well as several others. The first section covers baptism in the New Testament, including the meaning of the word "baptize," the baptism of John, Paul's own baptism and his theology of it, and baptisms in John 13, Acts and Hebrews. The second section deals with baptism in the Early Church, including essays on Jesus' blessing of the children, and baptism in the Epistle of Barnabas and in Gregory of Nyssa. The third section addresses baptism in contemporary theology, embracing ecumenical perspectives, baptism as a trinitarian event, and baptism as memorial, as miracle and as falling into and out of power. This wide-ranging volume forms a sequel to Baptism, the New Testament and the Church (JSNT Supplements 171) and makes indispensable reading for all concerned with this topic.

**Dimensions of Baptism**

An integrated overview of history The volume in this series are arranged topically to cover biography, literature, doctrines, practices, institutions, worship, missions, and daily life. Archaeology and art as well as writings are drawn on to illuminate the Christian movement in its early centuries. ample attention is also given to the relation of Christianity to pagan thought and life, to the Roman state, to Judaism, and to doctrines and practices that came to be judged as heretical or schismatic. Introductions to each volume tie the articles together for an integrated understanding of the history. Offers insights and understanding The aim of the collection is to give balanced and comprehensive coverage, selected on the basis of the following criteria: original and excellent research and writing; subject matter of use to teachers and students; groundbreaking importance for the history of research; background information for issues and opinions. Understanding the development of early Christianity and its impact on Western history and thought offers valuable insights into the modern world and the present state of Christianity. It also provides perspective on comparable developments in other periods of history and reveals human nature in its religious dimension.

**The Early Church at Work and Worship - Volume 1**

**Baptism in the Early Church**

**The Early Church at Work and Worship, Vol I**

From the earliest days of Christianity, baptism has been a foundational act of faith for the believing community. Although churches may (and do) disagree about whether infants should or shouldn't be baptized, about whether baptism should be by "immersion" or "pouring," and about other doctrinal details—all would agree that baptism mattered to early Christians and still matters. And yet for all too many, baptism remains a ritual hardly understood, and one that seems to lack relevance for the lives we lead from day to day. Here is a book that delves into the mystery, brings understanding, and
connects the "water and Word" of baptism to the tragedies and triumphs of daily life. With good humor, sound scholarship, and down-to-earth common sense, Martin Marty demonstrates how baptism can be "used" from day to day in a vibrant life of faith.

**Conversion, Catechumenate, and Baptism in the Early Church**

Drawing on recent scholarship on the Pauline tradition within early Christianity, this book examines Paul's theology of baptism and highlights its practical application in ministry today. It considers what the rite represented and effected, in the light of the social and cultural milieu in which his letters were written, and of his strategies for mission and the formation and nurture of new Christian communities. The need to integrate recent scholarship with contemporary pastoral issues, and to do so in a theologically reflective way, is acute. Using a wide range of social scientific approaches to the ancient world and Christian origins, including identity, religious conversion, and ritual, the book explores the implications of this reconstruction for contemporary issues of baptismal practice, pastoral care and mission, aiming to bring the insights of specialists to those working on the frontline of pastoral practice.

**Bible Proof**

Bible Proof: Every Real Christian Needs the Real Baptism with the Holy Spirit & POWER A Scriptural Perspective! In this book you will receive Bible proof that receiving the "gift of the Holy Spirit" is separate from receiving "the gift of eternal life." It will also make it clear why those who have not yet received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues cannot possibly comprehend or believe in the same supernatural faith the same way that the early church believed it, while those who have received, believe it all in its entirety exactly as it is written in the Bible. Every REAL Christian needs this! Don't miss out on this wonderful gift from God. The Baptism with the Holy Ghost and speaking in tongues will enable you to understand the New Testament with all the workings of the Holy Ghost as a present day reality. Ted Rouse has been a diligent student of the Word since being supernaturally saved in 1976. He entered full time ministry in 1981. He has written 25 books and booklets and has personally prayed with thousands to be filled with the Holy Spirit. To inquire about the author speaking at your convention, revival, church, or ministry, please contact us at: 414-461-8770 or: www.faithscreation.org

**Into the Name of the Lord Jesus**

**Living Water: Images, Symbols, and Settings of Early Christian Baptism**

**Early Christian Baptism and the Catechumenate**

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**Paul on Baptism**

A comprehensive examination of all the passages in the New Testament, together with key documents from the apostolic Fathers, which allude to baptism.

**Christian Baptism as Practised by the Early Church**

This magisterial volume is a comprehensive survey of the doctrine and practice of baptism in the first five centuries of Christian history, arranged geographically within chronological periods. Baptism in the Early Church covers the antecedents to Christian baptism and traces the history of Christian doctrine and practice from the New Testament through the writings of the church fathers of the fourth and fifth centuries. The book deals primarily with the literary sources, though it also gives attention to depictions of baptism (primarily of Jesus) in various art forms and to the surviving baptismal fonts. Ferguson's thorough study points to the central importance of baptism in the early church. Many blessings were attributed to baptism, but the two earliest and most consistently mentioned are forgiveness of sins and the reception of the Holy Spirit; faith and repentance were necessary in order to receive these benefits. Jewish immersion rites, the practice of John the Baptist, the meaning of the words used for baptism, the literary descriptions, and the material remains argue that full immersion was the normal practice, and the evidence from art is consistent with this interpretation. Containing nearly everything currently known about the early Christian ritual of baptism, with extensive citations to the primary and secondary literature, Ferguson's Baptism in the Early Church is destined to be a standard
Early Christian Worship

Baptism and the Early Church Organization

Baptism in the Early Church

The book should be seen in the context of Paul Bradshaw's earlier works: The Search for the Origins of Christian Worship and Eucharistic Origins. In this book he updates his thinking in this area, focussing on the origins of the Eucharist, Baptism and Daily Prayer. The controversial introductory chapter is entitled: Did Jesus Institute the Eucharist at the Last Supper?

The Early Church at Work and Worship - Volume 2

"A Michael Glazier book." Includes bibliographical references (p. 207-209) and index.

Baptism in the Early Church

This is the second volume of Ferguson's collected essays, and includes some of his most memorable work.

The Promise of Baptism

The Early Church at Work and Worship - Volume 2

The Christian Sacraments of Initiation

This is the second volume of Ferguson's collected essays, and includes some of his most memorable work, especially on "laying on of hands."

The Symbolism of Baptism in the Early Church

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Life and Practice in the Early Church brings together a range of primary texts from the church's first five centuries to demonstrate how early Christians practiced their faith. Rather than focusing on theology, these original documents shed light on how early believers "did church," addressing such practical questions as, how did the church administer baptism? How were sermons delivered? How did the early church carry out its missions endeavors? Early Christian writings reveal a great deal about the tradition, as well as the wider culture in which it developed. Far from being monolithic, the documents which present the voices of the early church fathers in their own words demonstrate variation and diversity regarding how faith was worked out during the patristic period. The texts illuminate who was eligible for baptism, what was expected of worshippers, how the Eucharist was celebrated, and how church offices and their functions were organized. Contextual introductions explain practices and their development for those with little prior knowledge of Christian history or tradition. The pieces included here, all in accessible English translation, represent such sources as Justin Martyr, Tertullian, the Cappadocians, Cyril of Jerusalem, John Chrysostom, and Augustine.

Baptism

An interdisciplinary study of the practice and purpose of early Christian baptism as it is depicted in pictorial art and as it was practiced in-built structures, this book integrates physical remains with literary evidence for the early Christian initiation rite.

Baptism in the Early Church
In this short book Fr. Zatalava will discuss the necessity for, Scriptures relating to, the history of, and the Rite for the Sacrament of Baptism. Baptism is the first Sacrament of the Faith, and it is the Sacrament by which a person becomes a Christian. It is truly a life-giving Sacrament since it is necessary for our salvation to receive it. Baptism was given to the Church as the Sacrament of initiation into the Faith and for the forgiveness of sins, both Original Sin and all personal sins. Through Baptism we are made sons and daughters of God, and God’s very life comes to dwell within us. It is through the graces of Baptism that we are given the foundations of virtue and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and it is through the graces of Baptism that we live as Christians at all.

It Takes a Church to Baptize

A contemporary theology of these three sacraments, surveying their historical development, their theology today, and liturgical and pastoral implications.

Life and Practice in the Early Church

This is the second volume of Ferguson's collected essays, and includes some of his most memorable work, especially on "laying on of hands."

Baptism in the Early Church

Early Christian Baptism and the Creed

The issue of baptism has troubled Protestants for centuries. Should infants be baptized before their faith is conscious, or does God command the baptism of babies whose parents have been baptized? Popular New Testament scholar Scot McKnight makes a biblical case for infant baptism, exploring its history, meaning, and practice and showing that infant baptism is the most historic Christian way of forming children into the faith. He explains that the church's practice of infant baptism developed straight from the Bible and argues that it must begin with the family and then extend to the church. Baptism is not just an individual profession of faith: it takes a family and a church community to nurture a child into faith over time. McKnight explains infant baptism for readers coming from a tradition that baptizes adults only, and he counters criticisms that fail to consider the role of families in the formation of faith. The book includes a foreword by Todd Hunter and an afterword by Gerald McDermott.

Baptism and Original Sin in the Early Church

This volume provides a documentary history of baptismal thought, practice, and preparations in Italy, North Africa, and Egypt from the early second through sixth century.

Baptism and Church in the New Testament

What can we learn from early Christian imagery about the theological meaning of baptism? Robin Jensen, a leading scholar of early Christian art and worship, examines multiple dimensions of the early Christian baptismal rite. She explores five models for understanding baptism--as cleansing from sin, sickness, and Satan; as incorporation into the community; as sanctifying and illuminative; as death and regeneration; and as the beginning of the new creation--showing how visual images, poetic language, architectural space, and symbolic actions signify and convey the theological meaning of this ritual practice. Considering image and action together, Jensen offers a holistic and integrated understanding of the power of baptism. The book is illustrated with photos.

Baptism

Baptism, a universal Christian activity, should be a mark of unity, yet practice and theology are often divisive. The Author explores the biblical foundations for Baptism and explains the various modes of Baptism to provide assurances that God is at work through the water and the word. His thesis is that through baptism a person enters into a new life, with a new relationship to god. It is an abundant life. Christians often deal with baptism in relation to death ("What happens to those who die unbaptized?") the early church would more likely have asked, "What happens to those who live without baptism?" The point comes through over and over again in this book, that baptism is a baptism unto life. From Scripture, and from broad pastoral experience, Morris V aagenes unfolds an appreciation of baptism both for everyday life and for eternal life.
Early Christian Baptism and the Catechumenate

Jesus said, “So you must go and make disciples of all nations. Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Matt. 28:19 (New International Reader's Version) Why did Jesus command his disciples to baptize as they went out into the world? What is the point of baptism? Baptism is important for all Christians who wish to follow Christ's teachings. This Baptism Comparison pamphlet is a quick, clear summary of the biblical teachings on baptism and compares methods practiced by Christians around the world. 14 panels, fits inside most Bibles, 8.5 x 5.5 inches, unfolds to 38 inches long. In the Baptism Comparison pamphlet, you will learn: How baptism is a symbol that points to Christ's death and resurrection. Why some Christian groups baptize infants and others baptize believers who can verbalize their faith. Does baptism mean that a person has "automatic" salvation? Baptism Comparison includes topics such as: Why be baptized? (Jesus' teaching and other Bible passages) What does baptism mean? What happens during a baptism? How do I prepare to be baptized? Why do some Christians practice believer's baptism only? (Includes Bible passages used to support this view.) Why do some Christians perform infant baptism? (Includes Bible passages used to support this view.) Baptism Comparison is an excellent resource for confirmation classes, new believers, parents of youngsters or teenagers, or anyone who has has ever wondered about Christian Baptism.

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