



## Message



**'Can I bring him back again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me.'** (2 Samuel 12:23)

**'Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right...Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.'** (Ephesians 6:1, 4)

**Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.'** (Matthew 19:14)





**A sacrament is 'an outward sign by which the Lord seals on our consciences the promises of his good will toward us in order to sustain the weakness of our faith' (John Calvin, Institutes)**

**'...don't you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death?' (Romans 6:3)**

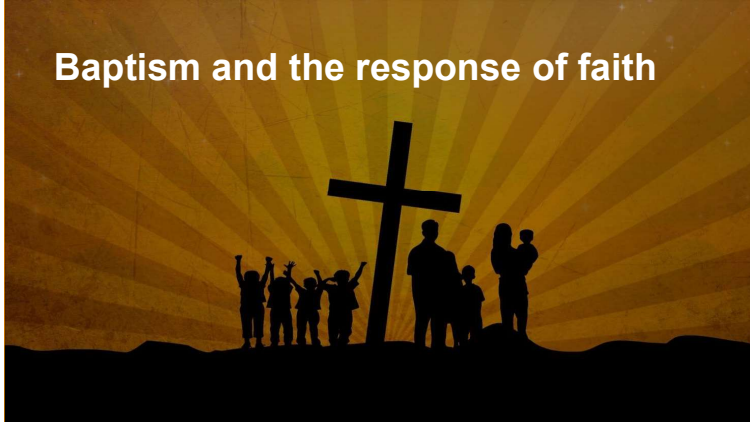
**'Get up, be baptised and wash your sins away, calling on his name.' (Acts 22:16)**

**'[Abraham] received circumcision as a sign, a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised...he is the father of all who believe but have not been circumcised, in order that righteousness might be credited to them.' (Romans 4:11-12)**

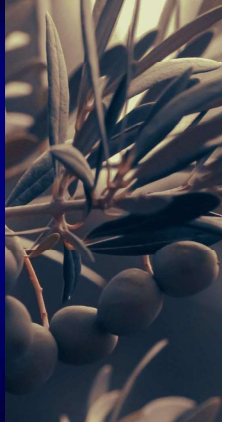


**Sacraments: signs and seals of God's promise**

## Baptism and the response of faith



**'Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off.'** (Romans 11:22)



## Sacraments: faith in the promises of God for us and our children



## *Old 100th*

