**“How Can Water Do Such Great Things?”**

(Luther’s Small Catechism, Baptism Part 3)

**NAME:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Baptism is just plain water that we use as a symbol of God’s love.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ God’s Word in and with the water makes Baptism a life-giving washing.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Faith plays no part in receiving the benefits of Baptism.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Without God’s Word, Baptism is still holy and powerful.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Baptism gives forgiveness, rescues from death, and delivers salvation because of Christ’s promise.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Baptism is called a “washing of rebirth” because the Holy Spirit creates a new life in us.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Trusting in Baptism is the same as trusting in Jesus because His promise is in the water.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Christians should look for another “baptism of the Holy Spirit” besides their Baptism.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ There is only one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Baptism makes us children of God and heirs of eternal life.

**Essay Question:**

What makes Baptism so special? Write about how Baptism is more than just water and how God uses it to make you His own child.

**BIBLE STUDY LESSON — Based on Titus 3:5–8**

**NAME:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Titus 3:5–8 (ESV) 5** he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, **6** whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, **7** so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. **8** The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ We are saved by the good things we do and how hard we try.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ God saves us because of His mercy, not our works.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Baptism is called a “washing of regeneration and renewal.”
4. \_\_\_\_\_ The Holy Spirit works in Baptism to give us new life through Jesus.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus pours out the Holy Spirit richly on us through Baptism.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Being justified by grace means we earn our salvation by doing good works.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ In Baptism, we are made heirs of eternal life.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Paul says this teaching is not very trustworthy.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ Because we are saved, we should ignore doing good works.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Baptism shows that we belong to Jesus and are part of His family.

**Essay Question:**

Titus 3:5–8 says that God saved you through the washing of rebirth. In your own words, explain what this means and how it helps you know that God loves you and gives you new life.