



Water and Spirit

Enjoy these quizzes about Baptism

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This quiz can help you, your students, and your students' families review our Catholic faith. Check answers against the answer key on page 3.

1 Jesus commissioned the apostles to “make _____ of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19).

- a) teachers b) slaves c) kings
d) disciples

2 Holy water found at the doors of the church is considered a ____.

- a) sacramental b) sacrament
c) relic d) vestment

3 We believe that through the sacraments, we have real encounters with _____.

- a) priests b) bishops c) Christ d) all the cool symbols the Church uses like oils, water, fire, etc.

4 The sacraments were first celebrated by _____.

- a) King Solomon b) Jesus c) the Pope d) Mary

5 St. Peter baptized _____ even though he was a Roman centurion and a pagan Gentile (see Acts 10).

- a) Bruno Mars b) Optimus Prime
c) Julius Caesar d) Cornelius

6 No one had ever heard of Baptism before Jesus was baptized.

True | False

7 _____ begins the process of initiating a person into the believing Body of Christ, which is the Church.

- a) Memorizing the Our Father
b) Catholic school c) Sunday school
d) Baptism

8 The sacrament of Baptism unites all _____ as brothers and sisters in Christ.

- a) Americans b) monotheists
c) Christians d) religious people

9 Which sacrament did Jesus tell Nicodemus was necessary for salvation? (see John 3:5) _____.

- a) Baptism b) Communion
c) Anointing of the Sick d) bar mitzvah

10 Ananias baptized _____ after _____ heard Jesus' voice and was told to stop persecuting Christians (see Acts 9).

- a) Nero b) Paul c) Valentine
d) Blase

11 Christians who were baptized in different denominations and convert to Catholicism do not have to be re-baptized.

True | False

12 _____ said of his cousin Jesus: “I am baptizing you with water, but one

mightier than I is coming. ... He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire" (Luke 3:16).

- a) John the Baptist b) The Wizard of Oz c) Captain John Smith
d) St. Peter

13 Most Catholics are baptized as _____ and then grow up in the Church where they are formed in the faith.

- a) Buddhists b) saints c) adults
d) infants

14 Baptism washes away _____, which has spiritually crippled humanity since Adam and Eve.

- a) bad habits b) bad breath c) bad body odor d) original sin

15 Only ordained deacons, priests, or bishops can baptize. True | False

16 In Baptism, Christians believe they _____ with Christ so that they might rise with him.

- a) die b) eat c) go to Mass d) swim

17 A _____ is given to the person being baptized as a sign that they have received Christ who is the "light of the world" (John 8:12).

- a) baptismal certificate b) lit candle
c) white garment d) cake

18 Who said to Jesus, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (Luke 3:22) after Jesus was baptized in the river Jordan by John the Baptist? _____.

- a) God the Father b) Mary
c) Joseph d) Father Abraham

19 When an infant is baptized, the _____ promise to help raise the child in the faith alongside the parents.

- a) grandparents b) older siblings
c) godparents d) priests and nuns

20 All the sacraments have their basis in sacred Scripture.

True | False

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Kids' quiz *Baptism*

Help younger students test their faith knowledge. Find the answer key on page 3.

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1 _____ is the first sacrament every Christian receives.

- a) First Communion b) Baptism
c) Confirmation d) Anointing of the Sick

2 _____ is the main symbol of Baptism.

- a) Water b) A family party c) Bread
d) Fire

3 A person becomes a Christian when he or she is _____.

- a) not mean to his/her brothers and sisters b) born c) baptized d) no longer tempted to sin

4 Jesus was baptized. True | False

5 When we go to church, we bless ourselves with _____ to remind ourselves of our Baptism.

- a) palm branches b) holy water
c) kindness d) white clothes

6 How many times do Catholics get baptized?

- a) as many times as they want
b) whenever they join a new parish
c) three times d) once

7 The person who baptized Jesus was _____ the Baptist.

- a) John b) George c) Frank d) Larry

8 Those who are baptized receive a _____ baptismal garment.

- a) black b) white c) purple
d) tie-dyed

9 All Catholics are immersed completely in water when baptized.

True | False

10 "After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and ... he saw the Spirit of God descending like a _____ upon him" (Matthew 3:16).

- a) pterodactyl b) pigeon c) dove
d) gust of wind



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ANSWERS TO Catholic I.Q.

1. **d)** This Great Commission from Jesus calls all Catholics to evangelize and share Christ with friends, family, classmates, co-workers, etc.
2. **a)** Sacramentals such as scapulars, ashes, rosaries, and holy water are objects or actions that inspire devotion and increased prayer.
3. **c)** Christ continues to minister to the Church through the sacraments — saving, redeeming, preaching, teaching, healing, forgiving, empowering, calling people to service, and feeding the faithful in the Eucharist (see CCC, 1097).
4. **b)** Christ instituted the sacraments so that his followers would experience God's grace down through the ages just as the Apostles did in the first century.
5. **d)** The first Christians thought Jesus' message was only for the Jews. The Baptism of Cornelius signaled a major change in their thinking, recognizing that the Gospel was for all people.
6. **False.** John the Baptist baptized people as a sign of their repentance (see Mark 1:1-10). Religious communities in the first century (such as the Essenes) also used water rituals similar to baptisms in Jesus' day.
7. **d)** "Christian initiation is accomplished by three sacraments together: Baptism which is the beginning of new life; Confirmation which is its strengthening; and the Eucharist which nourishes the disciple with Christ's Body and Blood for his transformation in Christ" (CCC, 1275).
8. **c)** "Baptism constitutes the foundation of communion among all Christians, including those who are not yet in full communion with the Catholic Church" (CCC, 1271).
9. **a)** Jesus said: "No one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit" (John 3:5).

10. **b)** St. Paul, who viciously attacked Jesus' first followers, told the story of his conversion often in his ministry to show how no one is beyond the mercy of God.

11. **True.** Baptism permanently imprints the character of Christ on every new Christian. It cannot be repeated (see *Canon Law*, 845:1, 864).

12. **a)** Considered the last prophet of the old covenant, John the Baptist recognized that God's anointing was on Jesus.

13. **d)** Although it has become the norm for Catholics, the practice of infant Baptism by its nature requires instruction and faith formation so children can later embrace the faith that was given them at birth (see CCC, 1231).

14. **d)** "By Baptism *all sins* are forgiven, original sin and all personal sins, as well as all punishment for sin. In those who have been reborn nothing remains that would impede their entry into the Kingdom of God, neither Adam's sin, nor personal sin, nor the consequences of sin, the gravest of which is separation from God" (CCC, 1263).

15. **False.** "In case of necessity, anyone, even a non-baptized person, with the required intention, can baptize, by using the Trinitarian baptismal formula" (CCC, 1256).

16. **a)** Descending into the tomb and dying to sin is most easily seen when a person is dunked completely underwater in a Baptism by immersion. Emerging from the water, the person is born again to a new life in Christ. Baptism by immersion, the most ancient custom, is obviously not used with infants, who have water poured on their heads. The effect is the same (see CCC, 628).

17. **b)** The newly baptized Christian receives the light of Christ so that he or she no longer lives in the darkness of sin.

18. **a)** God the Father affirms Jesus' unique divine relationship to him at Jesus' Baptism and then again at Jesus' Transfiguration (see Matt 17:1-8).

19. **c)** Godparents must be at least 16 years old, have received their First Communion and Confirmation, and lead a life of faith consistent with the Church's teachings (see *Canon Law*, 872-874).

20. **True.** Over the centuries, the Church has discerned in Scripture the gift of the seven sacraments instituted by Christ through his actions and his words (see CCC, 1117).

Kids' Quiz

1. **b)** Our lives as disciples of Jesus begin with Baptism.
2. **a)** The baptismal waters wash us clean of original sin. For those baptized when older, all personal sins are also forgiven.
3. **c)** Christian initiation begins with Baptism and is completed with First Communion and Confirmation.
4. **True.** At his Baptism, Jesus blessed the waters of Baptism for all Christians that would follow his example and be baptized.
5. **b)** Holy water fonts are found at the doorways of all Catholic churches. Catholics dip their fingers into the holy water and make the Sign of the Cross.
6. **d)** Once a person is baptized, they are baptized for life and permanently made a part of the family of God through Jesus.
7. **a)** When Jesus came to be baptized, John pointed out that Jesus was the "Lamb of God, who takes the sin of the world" (John 1:29).
8. **b)** The white garment symbolizes our cleansed soul and that we are made into a new creation in Christ through the grace of Baptism (CCC, 1999).
9. **False.** Infants who are baptized typically have water poured on their heads. Adults can be submerged in baptism pools.
10. **c)** Based on this Scripture, the Holy Spirit is often shown as a dove in religious art.