

Eucharistic Homily

Twentieth Lord's Day after Pentecost

October 27, 2019

Christian baptism is the means by which God adopts you into His family and gives you new birth from above. Baptism is your initiation into the church. It is the rite that grants you citizenship in the kingdom of heaven. This is why baptism is a once-in-a-lifetime event. It's about God's saving work and not your feelings, emotions, or level of understanding. The fact that you may not remember your baptism doesn't change the fact that you are baptized.

The Lord's Supper, on the other hand, is to be received frequently and on a regular basis to reinforce and cultivate our identity as God's children and members of the body of Christ. John Calvin put it this way: "For as God, regenerating us in baptism, ingrafts us into the fellowship of his Church, and makes us his by adoption, so we have said that he performs the office of a provident parent, in continually supplying the food by which he may sustain and preserve us in the life to which he has begotten us by his word."

If you've been baptized into Christ and are seeking to live faithfully and obediently for Him, you are invited to partake of this feast that our gracious Father has provided for us. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

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