

"BAPTISM, IS IT CRAZY?"

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A cute story came my way which I thought you may like. I edited it slightly and it goes like this.

Three little boys were concerned because they couldn't get anyone to play with them. They decided it was because they had not been baptized and didn't go to Sunday school.

So they went to the nearest church. Only the janitor was there. One said, "We need to be baptized because no one will come out and play with us. Will you baptize us?"

"Sure," said the janitor. He took them down the hall to a large bird bath type fountain and dunked their heads in it, one at a time. Then he said, "Now, be on your way and go out and play."

When they got outside, one of them asked, "What religion do you think we are?"

The **oldest** one said, "We're not Katlick, because they pour the water on you. We're not Bablist because they dunk all of you in it. We're not Luthrums because they just sprinkle you."

The **littles** one said, "Well, I don't know what someone would call us, but I think that we should be called just Christians".

Christian baptism is a very serious command stated in the Scriptures. It is to be performed, as it was in the Bible (immersion of a repentant believer). Thus, a baby or a non-believer does not qualify. Neither does one who is not willing to repent (turn from known sins), and be active in a local church. See Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:38, 16:31, 17:30, 8:37, 14:22.

If you have not been **properly baptized**, (immersion in water for the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit) why not take care of this immediately? If you need assistance in taking care of this, give us a shout.

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