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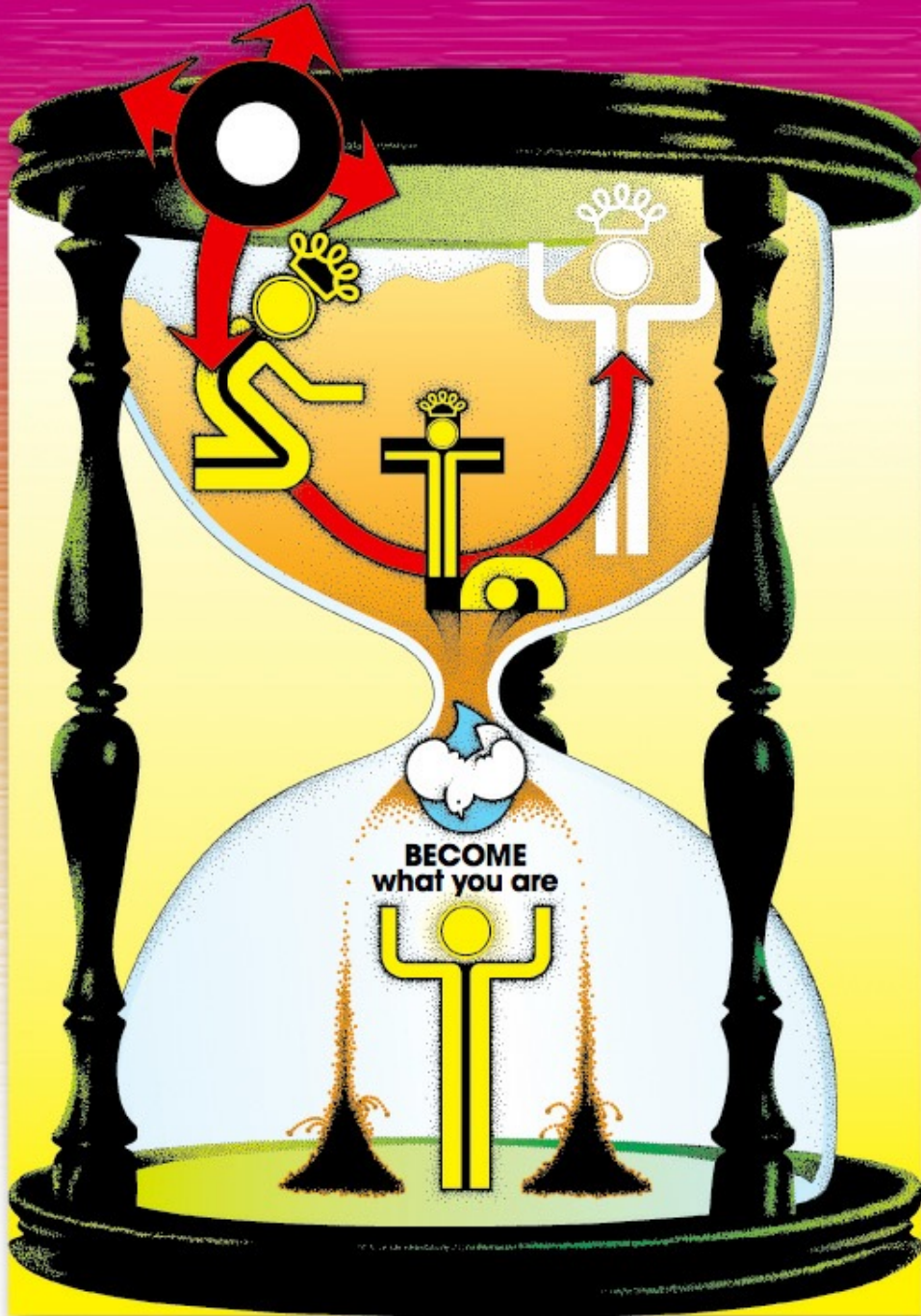
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# **BREAK**

- The is the end of part 1.
- Part 2 focuses on the reasons for Infant Baptism.

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## INFANT BAPTISM

IT'S BIBLICAL, TRADITIONAL, AND DOWNRIGHT ADORABLE.

# THE BIG PICTURE!

Baptism = Gift of God

Confirmation = Where you “confirm” your baptismal faith. “Yes, this is indeed what I believe.”



# REASONS FOR INFANT BAPTISM

1. Christ's General Command includes all people, no restriction on age . . .  
(Matthew 28:19)
2. The general practice of the Apostles of baptizing entire families . . . (1 Corinthians 1:16; Acts 16:13-15)

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3. The children's need for Holy Baptism, for they are flesh born of flesh (John 3:6) and must be born of water *and* the Spirit (John 3:5) before they can enter into the Kingdom of God . . . (Titus 3:5)

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4. The desire of Jesus to bless little children and have them saved shows His love and compassion for people regardless of age . . . (Mark 10:13-16)

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5. The fact that little children can believe . . . (Matthew 18:1-6; Luke 1:39-41)

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6. The fact that the New Testament never says you *can't* or *shouldn't* baptize children. It was considered normal, just as circumcision was considered normal too. Circumcision took place on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of a child's life.

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It was a sign of the covenant, the promises of God to His people. Baptism too is a means of grace, a sign of God's covenantal love, a seal of the Holy Spirit, and the connection with Christ in His death and resurrection . . . (Titus 3:5-7; 2 Cor 1:21-22; Eph 1:12-14; Romans 6:3-5)

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In the New Testament, Baptism seems to have taken the place of circumcision . . .  
(Genesis 17; Colossians 2:9-14)

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7. The fact that children need a bath (washing). Baptism literally means “washing” and children and adults need their sins washed away . . . (Eph 5:25-26)



# SCENARIO - DISCUSSION

Setting: you and your friends sitting at a table in your school cafeteria.

You start talking about stuff and one thing leads to another and someone speaks of how they went to their cousin's baptism over the weekend. Another friend asks, "Isn't your cousin only 2 months old? Why did you

# SCENARIO - DISCUSSION

baptize him? You are only supposed to baptize people when they are old enough to understand what is going on.”

Your other friend looks stumped and doesn't know what to say.

What could you say to help your friend understand that what he/she witnessed over the weekend was a valid baptism?

# DO BABIES HAVE SIN?

- What is the consequence of sin?
- What is the consequence of Baptism?