



# A Year with the Catechism

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*(In preparation for next week.)*

## **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (IV)**

*What does such baptizing with water indicate?* It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

*Where is this written?* St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: “We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” (Romans 6:4)

## **Bible Passages**

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.

*Galatians 5:24*

You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. *Ephesians 4:22-24*

## **Weekly Catechism Reading**

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## *Devotion*

### **Bible Readings**

Galatians 2:20

### **Devotion**

“She is dead to us.” With these painful words, the dairyman Tevye scolds his wife in the Broadway musical *Fiddler on the Roof*. Their middle daughter had broken tradition and married outside the faith. No one was permitted to speak her name. That may sound harsh, but when it comes to sin, and the Old Adam in us, it is exactly what we must do. Every morning, when you get up you should remember that you are baptized. Just as the water of the shower cleanses your body, so has God cleansed your spirit in Holy Baptism.

Yet still we sin. So as you remember your Baptism, Ask God to help you turn from your sins and do His will. Being sorry for your sins and desiring to do better, in faith, we turn again to Jesus and His blood-bought forgiveness. We step out to face a new day. It will be a new day full of temptation. So when that Old Adam does raise his ugly head return to your Lord for forgiveness. He reminds you of the promise of forgiveness and salvation He made in Holy Baptism.

### **Prayer**

O God, our heavenly Father, be with us and protect us throughout the days of our lives. You gave us forgiveness through the death and resurrection of Christ, and You joined us with Him in His death in the waters of Baptism. Keep us ever mindful of this promise, living as Your children until we join Him in His resurrection. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.