

Methodist Church

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Articles of Religion of the Methodist Church

Article IX—Of the Justification of Man

We are accounted righteous before God only for the merit of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, by faith, and not for our own works or deservings. Wherefore, that we are justified by faith only, is a most wholesome doctrine, and very full of comfort.

Article XVII—Of Baptism

Baptism is not only a sign of profession and mark of difference whereby Christians are distinguished from others that are not baptized; but it is also a sign of regeneration or the new birth. The Baptism of young children is to be retained in the Church.

Question: Is sprinkling the only way that United Methodists baptize?

Answer: No, our church has always offered to people being baptized and to the parents of infants the choice of sprinkling, pouring, or immersion.

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IS BAPTISM REQUIRED FOR SALVATION?

In the United Methodist Church, baptism is NOT necessary for salvation since it is only a sign of the salvation already present. HOWEVER, baptism is a requirement for church membership!

HOW DO WE BAPTIZE IN THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH?

Sprinkling (our usual mode simply for logistical reasons):

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John Wesley is the founder of Methodism.