

Baptism Reflection

Baptism is God's most beautiful and magnificent gift. . . . We call it gift, grace, anointing, enlightenment, garment of immortality, bath of rebirth, seal, and most precious gift. It is called gift because it is conferred on those who bring nothing of their own; grace since it is given even to the guilty; Baptism because sin is buried in the water; anointing for it is priestly and royal as are those who are anointed; enlightenment because it radiates light; clothing since it veils our shame; bath because it washes; and seal as it is our guard and the sign of God's lordship.

—St. Gregory the Theologian

Spend time reflecting on each of these components of our baptism, putting your understanding of the Sacrament of Baptism in your own words and incorporating the wisdom of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (1213–1284).

Gift:

Grace:

Anointing:

Enlightenment:

Garment of Immortality:

Bath of Rebirth:

Seal:
