

Day 16

# PILGRIMAGE OF GRACE

BAPTISM



## Writings

### Letter of Barnabas (written between 70 and 130 AD)

Baptism is, "the washing which confers the remission of sins... We descend into the water full of sins and defilement but come up bearing fruit in our heart."

### The Didache (written around 70 or 80 AD; 14:1)

"But on the Lord's day, after that ye have assembled together, break bread and give thanks, having in addition confessed your sins, that your sacrifice may be pure."

### Shepherd of Hermas (written about 80 AD)

"I have heard, sir" said I [to the Shepherd],, "from some teacher, that there is no other repentance except that which took place when we went down into the water and obtained the remission of our former sins." He said to me, "You have heard rightly, for so it is."

### Clement of Alexandria (writing around 191 AD)

"When we are baptized, we are enlightened. Being enlightened we are adopted as sons. Adopted as sons, we are made perfect .... It is a washing by which we are cleansed of sins, a gift of grace by which the punishments due our sins are remitted, an illumination by which we behold that holy light of salvation."



# Matthew 5:1-12

When he saw the crowds, he went up the mountain and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying:

## The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



Blessed are they who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.



Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the land.



Blessed are they who hunger  
and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be satisfied.





Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.



Blessed are the clean of heart,  
for they will see God.



Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.



Blessed are they who are persecuted  
for the sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you [falsely] because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

