You People Who Now Are Baptized

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1. You peo - ple who now are bap - tized God's gra - cious love sur - - rounds you. By Christ's Name you're now re - cog - nized; Pon - der what hap - pened to you: Whose work was it which fash - ioned you, Whose
2. Be - fore held in your mo - ther's arm, From your time of con - - cep - - tion, Quite hos - tile to the Law's al - arms- Let there be no de - - cep - tion. A sin - ner born of sin - ner's seed; Still
3. Your soul and bo - dy turned with - in, Sin filled you like a poi - - son. Con - cern for neigh - bor pa - per - thin; God's love was simp - ly for - eign. Then raised by God the Lord of Life To
4. The ma - jes - - ty that ter - ri - - fies Was all God's pres - ence brought you. Your fault you could not rect - if - - y; An - xi - et - y con - sumed you. A slave of sin and Sa - tan held Trapped
5. Then washed clean in this ho - ly flood, The wa - ter of Bap - ti - - - sm; In - stilled faith in Christ's ho - ly blood Brought to the Fa - ther's King - dom, Your heart re - built with - in your breast, New

Rom 6:3-11, Col 2:11-15, Num 6:27, Mt 28:19-20, Rev 3:12, Ps 51:5-10, 1Pt 3:21-22, Gal 3:27, Acts 2:38-39, 22:16, Mt 5:14-16

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6. It washes all your sins away
And makes you pure and holy.
Hell's hold on you was lost that day,
God's freedom for the lowly.
You are now truly God's dear child
An heir of heaven undefiled
With crown to cast before Him.

7. Your nature lost in Adam's fall,
Corrupt through generations,
Refreshed now in the waterfall-
A perfect new creation!
The death of death before your eyes:
God's power must be recognized.
Hell's demons lie defeated!

8. Now we can gladly draw to Christ
And boldly ask His blessing
Because of Jesus' sacrifice,
Our sins upon Him pressing.
The Father looks on us and sees
Christ's holiness and His good deeds:
White robes giv'n by His merit.

9. This holy bath ... What pow'r displays!
What wondrous grace-filled cleansing;
None on their own can e'er appraise
The value of their raising.
The Word of God in simple form
Can calm the tempest and the storm.
It brings peace to your spirit.

10. Plain water cannot wash our sin
Nor clean our inward spirit,
But water with God's promise can
Bring all the Father wills it.
The water that floods over you
From God's command has strength imbued.
His Name is placed upon you.

11. Too precious to repay somehow,
Just grateful thanks we offer.
Christ's work has been delivered now
To you through Word and water.
Nothing but Christ's atoning work
In you could kill death's ugly smirk
You're now refreshed and holy.

12. Now gladly live as God's dear child
Proclaim to all His Gospel
Shine to the world; be undefiled...
A beacon to all people.
Till called home to eternal joy
With new song that we'll all employ
To cast our crowns before Him.

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