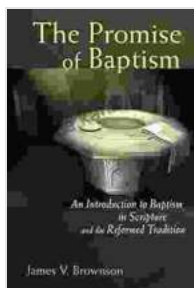


Baptism: A Gateway to the Covenant Community

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Baptism in Scripture

The Bible contains numerous passages that speak about baptism, both in the Old and New Testaments. In the Old Testament, baptism is often associated with cleansing and purification. The Israelites were commanded

to wash themselves with water as a way of purifying themselves from sin (Leviticus 11:25-28).

In the New Testament, baptism takes on a new significance. Jesus himself was baptized by John the Baptist, and he commanded his disciples to baptize all nations (Matthew 28:19). Baptism is now seen as a symbol of new life in Christ, a washing away of sins, and an incorporation into the body of Christ (Acts 2:38; Romans 6:3-4).

Baptism in the Reformed Tradition

The Reformed tradition has placed a strong emphasis on the importance of baptism. The Westminster Confession of Faith states that "Baptism is a sacrament of the New Testament, ordained by Jesus Christ, wherein the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, doth signify and seal our ingrafting into him, our cleansing from sin, our adoption into the family of God, and our resurrection unto eternal life" (Chapter 28, Section 1).

For the Reformed, baptism is not merely a symbol of something that has already happened, but a means of grace, through which God's saving work is applied to the believer. Baptism is seen as a seal of the covenant, a sign of God's faithfulness to his promises, and a way of publicly confessing one's faith in Jesus Christ.

The Significance of Baptism

Baptism is a sacrament of great significance for Christians. It is a sign of our entrance into the covenant community, a washing away of our sins, and an incorporation into the body of Christ. Baptism is a reminder of our new life in Christ, and a commitment to follow him as our Lord and Savior.

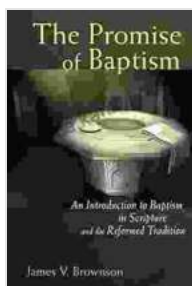
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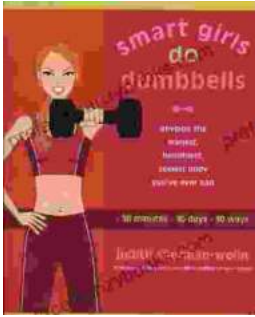
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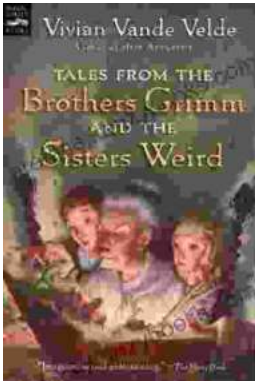
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