What is Baptism?

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19)

When the Pastor applies the water upon the recipient, it is done in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit. The Sacrament- sacred act instituted by God, in which God Himself has joined His Word of promise to a visible element, and by which He gives the forgiveness of sins through Christ of Baptism is the water included in God's command and it is combined with God's word. This changes the plain water into the promise of everlasting life through Jesus Christ.

Baptism is a gift of salvation.