



Baptism & Communion Service

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Why should we be baptized?

An ordinance can be defined as an _____/rite instituted by Christ to be administered in the church as a visible sign of the saving truth of the Christian faith. An ordinance is a statute, an edict, a mandate, or law, it is obligatory for every believer.

Section 13 - Church Ordinances

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ constituted the ordinances of Baptism by immersion and the Lord's Supper to be observed until His return. (Matthew 28:19-20; I Corinthians 11:23-26).

Three things mark an event as an _____:

- it was prescribed by Jesus Christ
- it was practiced by the early church
- it was expounded theologically by the apostles in the Epistles

Participation in these ceremonies in no way saves or even helps a person have eternal salvation (John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8,9). These ordinances are meaningful only to a person who has already personally trusted Christ for salvation.

1. **Christ _____ baptism and the Lord's supper.**

"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, **baptizing them** in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Mt 28:18-20

2. **The early church _____ in it.**

✳ **Water baptism was administered at _____.**

41 So then, **those who** had **received his word were baptized**; and that day there were added about three thousand souls. [Act 2:41]

3. **The Apostles _____ it.**

✳ **Paul himself was baptized.** [Acts 9:18]

✳ **Paul baptized believers in the _____ churches.**

14 I thank God that **I baptized** none of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15 so that no one would say you were baptized in my name. 16 Now I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any other. [1Co 1:14-16 NASB95]

4. **The Apostles expounded its _____ and _____.**

✳ **_____ baptism is being baptized into Christ's death.**

3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been **baptized into Christ Jesus** have been **baptized into His death**? 4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have become united with [Him] in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be [in the likeness] of His resurrection, [Rom 6:3-5 NASB95]

✳ **Spirit baptism _____ and _____ the inner person.**

5 not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through **the washing of regeneration** and **renewing of the Holy Spirit**, [Tit 3:5 NKJV]

✳ **Salvation is based upon the _____ of Christ for you not water baptism**

- 21 **He made** Him who knew no sin [to be] **sin on our behalf**, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. [2Co 5:21]
- 5 But He was **pierced through for our transgressions**, He was **crushed for our iniquities**; The chastening for our well-being [fell] upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed. [Isa 53:5 NASB95]
- 29 The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, **the Lamb of God** who **takes away the sin of the world!** [Jhn 1:29]

✳ **Believer's baptism is a public _____ that demonstrates a spiritual truth.**

Water Baptism is not...

- ...a prescribed condition for church membership.
- ...a work for salvation.
- ...washing away of sins.

Water Baptism is...

- ...a public ceremony.
- ...prescribed by Jesus Christ.
- ...practiced by the early church.
- ...expounded theologically by the apostles in the Epistles.
- ...a public confession of our salvation in Christ.
- ...a public identification with Jesus Christ.
- ...a declaration of personal faith.
- ...a public acknowledgement of our trust in Christ alone for our salvation.
- ...immersion in water signifying our substitutionary death in Christ.
- ...a picture of our identity with Christ's death and resurrection.
- ...a depiction of the death of the old man and spiritual new birth.
- ...an ordinance that is obligatory for every believer.

Spirit Baptism is...

- ...into Christ's death on the cross (Rom 6:3-4).
- ...a washing by regeneration from the penalty of our sins (Titus 3:5).
- ...a cleansing from the guilt of our sins (1 Jn 1:7).
- ...a deliverance from the power of sin in our lives (Rom6:6; 8:11).
- ...being raised to walk in newness of life (Rom 6:4).