

## The Ordinances of the Church ~ Matt. 28:18-20 and 1 Cor. 11:23-26

→ Scripture Reading - Matt. 28:18-20, 1 Cor. 11:23-26

### The Symbol of BAPTISM ~ Matthew 28:18-20

[18] Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to ME. [19] Therefore GO and make disciples of ALL nations, BAPTIZING them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20] and TEACHING them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

**Acts 2:41** (NLT) Those who BELIEVED what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day - about 3,000 in all.

**Acts 8:36** (NLT) As they rode along, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Look! There's some water! Why can't I be BAPTIZED?" ...[38] He ordered the carriage to stop, and they went down into the water, and Philip BAPTIZED him.

**Acts 16:31-33** (NLT) They replied, "BELIEVE in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, along with everyone in your household." [32] And they shared the word of the Lord with him and with all who lived in his household. [33] Even at that hour of the night, the jailer cared for them and washed their wounds. Then he and everyone in his household were IMMEDIATELY baptized.

**Romans 6:4-5** (NLT) For we DIED and were BURIED with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was RAISED from the DEAD by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. [5] Since we have been UNITED with Him in His death, we will also be raised to life as He was.

Baptism illustrates a believer's **IDENTIFICATION with Christ's death, burial, and resurrection**. Everywhere the gospel is preached and people are drawn to faith IN Christ, they are to be baptized. [gotquestions.org](http://gotquestions.org)

### IMPLICATIONS

→ Baptism does not SAVE US

Matt. 8:19 ...go and make disciples of ALL nations, BAPTIZING them...

Acts 2:41....Those who BELIEVED what Peter said were BAPTIZED...

→ You do NOT have to get your Life in order to be Baptized

→ There is NO OFFICIAL Age set for Baptism

→ Danger in putting it ASIDE

**Ephesians 5:8** (NLT) For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light!

## The Symbolism of the LORD'S SUPPER ~ 1 Corinthians 11:23-30 (Communion - Lord's Table)

[23] For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took BREAD, [24] and when he had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; DO this in remembrance of ME." [25] In the same way, after supper He took the CUP, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in MY blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of ME." [26] For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you PROCLAIM the Lord's death until He comes.

[27] Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an UNWORTHY manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. [28] A man ought to EXAMINE himself BEFORE he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.

The Bible does not give us specific instruction as to FREQUENCY, so there is some latitude in how often a church should observe the Lord's Supper. It should be often enough to RENEW FOCUS on Christ, without being so often that it becomes routine. In any case, it's not the frequency that matters but the HEART attitude of those who participate. We should partake with reverence, love, and a deep sense of gratitude for the Lord Jesus, who was willing to die on the cross to take upon Himself our sins. [gotquestion.org](http://gotquestion.org)

## IMPLICATIONS

→ We were NOT told HOW to CELEBRATE the Lord's Supper (details not given)

→ The Bread and Wine do NOT become the BODY and BLOOD of Christ

→ We do NOT receive any SPECIAL Grace when we celebrate the Lord's Supper

**1 Peter 2:24** (NLT) He personally carried our sins in His BODY on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed.

**Ephesians 1:7** (NLT) He is so rich in kindness and grace that He purchased our freedom with the BLOOD of His Son and FORGAVE our sins.

## TAKE AWAY??

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ  
Torn for you eat and remember  
The wounds that heal the death that brings us life  
Paid the price to make us one

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin  
Shed for you drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in

To receive the life of God

So we share in this bread of Life  
And we Drink of His Sacrifice  
As a Sign of our Bonds of Peace  
Around the Table of the King