

## BAPTISM and COMMUNION ~ 1 Cor. 11:23-26 and Acts 2:41-42

→ Scripture Reading Luke 22:19-20, Matt. 28:18-20

**INTRODUCTION** >Cheese Head >Wing Nut >Wedding Rings >Fish - Ichthys

### What are ORDINANCES or SACRAMENTS?

**Ordinance** or **Sacrament**- is something Commanded by Christ, Taught, and Practiced by the Apostles and the early church

**BAPTISM** and **COMMUNION** are the only ceremonial rituals which qualify so there can only be two Ordinances or Sacraments and **NEITHER one is required for salvation.** gotquestions.org

**SACRAMENT**- a sign/rite which results in God's GRACE being received almost automatically through participation in Baptism and the Lord's Supper

**ORDINANCE**- stresses OBEDIENCE in doing that which Christ explicitly commanded.

**Baptism** - Once for ALL

**Lord's Supper** - Ongoing and Regular

**Preaching** - makes God's Word AUDIBLE

The **Ordinances** - make God's Word VISIBLE

### Baptism ~ Matthew 28:18-20

→ Baptism was **COMMANDED** by Christ...

**Matthew 28:18-20** (NIV) Then Jesus came to them and said, All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to ME. <sup>19</sup> 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,** <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

**BAPTISM is a...**

- step of OBEDIENCE
- public PROCLAMATION
- outward Symbol of an INWARD Reality

→ It was **TAUGHT** and **PRACTICED** by the Early Church

**Acts 16:29-31, 33** (NIV) The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup> They replied, Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved - you and your household... <sup>33</sup> At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then **immediately he and all his family were baptized.**

In N.T. Baptism meant IDENTIFYING with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection. NBC

**BAPTISM...**

HOW should it be done?

WHO should be baptized?

**Baptism is NOT** something we do to RECEIVE Salvation

### APPLICATIONS

**EVERYONE WHO HAS...**

- ADMITTED that they have sinned and need a savior

**Romans 3:23** (NIV) for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

**Romans 6:23** (NIV) For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- ACCEPTED by Faith the Forgiveness that Jesus freely offers

**Ephesians 2:8-9** (ESV) For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,<sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

- Seeking to SUBMIT to God in every area of their life

**Romans 6:13** (NIV) Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.

## The Lord's Supper ~ Luke 22:19-20

### →The Lord's Supper was Commanded by Christ...

**Luke 22:19-20** (NIV) And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me."<sup>20</sup> In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.

### →It was Taught and Practiced by the Early Church

**1 Corinthians 11:23-28** (NLT) For I pass on to you what I received from the Lord himself. On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread<sup>24</sup> and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and SAID, This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to REMEMBER ME.<sup>25</sup> In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people - an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this to remember me as often as you drink it."

**Took Bread** - Gave Thanks For it - Broke it in Pieces - vs. 23-24  
DO this to Remember ME

**Took the Cup of Wine** - New Covenant Established by His Blood vs. 25  
DO this to Remember Me

<sup>26</sup> For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are **announcing the Lord's death** until **He comes again**.

**Every Time you Eat the Bread and Drink the Cup you...** vs. 26  
PROCLAIM the Lord's Death  
Until He COMES

<sup>27</sup> So anyone who eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord UNWORTHILY is guilty of sinning against the BODY and BLOOD of the Lord.<sup>28</sup> That is why you should examine yourself BEFORE eating the bread and drinking the cup.

**Anyone who takes** Bread or Cup in an UNWORTHY manner vs. 26  
is GUILTY of sinning against body and blood of Christ

**Examine Yourself** - BEFORE taking Bread or the Cup vs. 27  
so that you are NOT sinning against the Lord

### The LORDS Supper is...

- a COMMAND
- about REMEMBERING
- about PROCLAIMING the Lord's Death
- ONGOING

## TAKE AWAY ??

**Matthew 11:28-30** (NIV) Come to ME, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you REST.<sup>29</sup> Take MY YOKE upon you and LEARN from ME, for I AM gentle and humble in heart, and you will find REST for your souls.<sup>30</sup> For MY YOKE is easy and MY burden is light.

The YOKE is a symbol of DISCIPLESHIP