

What Does the Bible Say About...
BAPTISM & THE LORD'S SUPPER
WEEK 7

Starter Question

What do you think people who have never been to church think about baptism and the Lord's Supper? Can you recall what you first thought?

READ MATTHEW ROMANS 6:1-4

1. THE ORDINANCE OF BAPTISM (*Matthew 28:19*)

- **Sacrament**: a means whereby the grace of God is conveyed...by that act itself their sins are forgiven
- **Ordinance**: a command which our Lord has directed us to obey. It is symbolic in its nature and carries with it all of the blessings which normally accompany obedience
- a) Personal Step of Obedience - *Ephesians 2:8-9*
- b) Perfect Symbol of Death, Burial, and Resurrection - *Romans 6:4*

2. THE ORDINANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (*Matt. 28:26-28*)

- a) The bread is symbolic of the broken body of Christ - *Isaiah 53:5*
- b) The cup is symbolic of the blood of the covenant - *1 Corinth. 11:26*

3. OUR CALLING TO BE DIFFERENT

- a) Reflect - *Galatians 5:19-21*
- b) Remember - *1 Peter 1:18-19*
- c) Repent - *1 Corinthians 11:27-31*
- d) Reconcile - *1 Corinthians 11:30*
- e) Recommit - *1 Corinthians 15:31*

Further Discussion

1. Thinking about the message this past Sunday, what was the most exciting thing you learned? What do you have more questions about?
2. Why is it important for followers of Jesus to understand the difference between sacraments and ordinances? What are some ways that we sometimes live as though we're following sacraments?
3. Why is baptism so important in the life of a new believer? What are some ways we can encourage others toward baptism while also making sure they fully understand what qualifies a person for baptism?
4. Why is the Lord's Supper important and why is it important that it is taken with a right understanding and a clean and humble heart?
5. What do you think are some reasons that so many people misunderstand these 2 ordinances? How can we help?

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