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**“Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Savior, the believer's death to sin,**

**the burial of the old life,  
and the resurrection to walk in  
newness of life in Christ Jesus.  
It is a testimony to his faith in  
the final resurrection of the  
dead. Being a church ordinance,  
it is prerequisite to the privileges  
of church membership and to  
the Lord's Supper.”**

**“Christ assigned the church two ordinances-baptism and the Lord’s Supper. Ordinance means decree or command.**

**Baptists refer to [them] as ordinances that are commanded by Christ. Other denominations view these acts as sacraments.**

**The word sacrament implies that the act itself conveys grace to the believer. Baptists believe [that these are] pictures and affirmations of grace.”**

**Baptism is not a denominational eccentricity... The Greek word used in the New Testament for baptism, baptizo, is most clearly understood to mean submersion in water-the complete immersion of an object, or, in this case a person in water.**

**Sprinkling and partial immersion does not satisfy the New Testament definition of baptism.”**



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## **Matthew 3:13-17**

**13** Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John.

**14** But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” **15** Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

**16** As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. **17** And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

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**Matthew 28:19**

**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,**

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## **Romans 6:3-4**

**3** Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? **4** We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

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**Romans 12:1**

**Therefore, I urge you,  
brothers, in view of God’s  
mercy, to offer your bodies as  
a living sacrifice, holy and  
pleasing to God — this is your  
spiritual act of worship**

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**Matthew 10:32-33**

**32** “Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. **33** But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

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**Romans 10:10**

**For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.**

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**“A biblical view of baptism requires that we affirm its proper mode and its proper message. The New Testament never suggests the baptism of anyone who is not a conscious believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, we reject the baptism of infants and anyone else who cannot consciously and personally profess faith in Christ.”**



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**Acts 2:37-41**

**37** When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” **38** Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**39** The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off — for all whom the Lord our God will call.” **40** With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” **41** Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

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**“The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members of the church, through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming.”**

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**Luke 22:19-20**

**19** 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.” **20** 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.

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**“Some people today find the idea of blood atonement offensive and crude, but this is the offense of the Gospel. There is no way to affirm the Good News of Jesus Christ without affirming blood atonement.**

**Therefore, when Christ spoke to His disciples and said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.”, this was the very picture of what Christ accomplished on the cross.”**

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**Hebrews 9:22**

**In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.**

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## **1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

**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.

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**“The Scriptural command that believers examine their lives before participating in the Lord’s Supper alerts believers to be on guard against persistent personal sin. Thus, carefully observing the Lord’s Supper is part of the process of church discipline.”**

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**1 Corinthians 11:27-32**

**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 eat of the bread and drink from the cup. **29** For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of Christ eats and drinks judgment on himself. **30** That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep.

**31** But if judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment.

**32** When we are judged by the Lord, we are being disciplined so that we will not be condemned with the world.

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**“When the local church celebrates the Lord’s Supper, we proclaim the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, even as we anticipate His return, when the church will celebrate the wedding feast of the Lamb.”**

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**Revelation 19:7-9**

**7 Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.**

**8** Fine linen, bright and clean,  
was given her to wear.” (Fine  
linen stands for the righteous acts  
of God’s holy people.) **9** Then the  
angel said to me, “Write this:  
Blessed are those who are invited  
to the wedding supper of the  
Lamb!” And he added, “These  
are the true words of God.”



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**“Likewise, when the church celebrates baptism, we complete the picture Christ provides for us of a believer transformed by God’s grace and power.”**

# Final Thoughts

- **Baptism is only for persons who are conscious believers in Christ**
- **The Lord's Supper is only for regenerated baptized believers**
- **We need to celebrate both**

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**“Taken together, these two ordinances not only fulfill the Lord’s command but also serve as beautiful public testimonies to the sum and substance of the gospel. Believers should find great joy and satisfaction in observing and participating in these ordinances.”**

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## 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

**17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! committed to us the message of reconciliation.

**18** All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: **19** that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

**20** We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. **21** God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.