

Jesus gave two ordinances (*sacraments*) to the Church to be celebrated in a perpetual manner until He returns: Baptism and Communion

## I. Baptism

A. Jesus Commanded the \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_ to Baptize Believers.

*“Going, make-disciples of all the nations, baptizing them...”*

*(Matthew 28:19)*

B. God Commanded \_\_\_\_\_ Every \_\_\_\_\_ Believer to Be Baptized

*“Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins” (Acts 2:38)*

C. Believers in the Early Church were Baptized at \_\_\_\_\_ Salvation \_\_\_\_\_.

*(Acts 2:41)*

- 1) Based on a clear understanding of the gospel
- 2) Based on a profession of faith in the gospel

D. Baptism is a \_\_\_\_\_ Symbolic \_\_\_\_\_ Act of an Inner Reality.

1) The Mode of the Symbol—By Immersion

a) that’s what the word means (*baptizo*)

*“submerge; drown; immerse”*

b) that’s the NT model

*“and they both went down into the water” (Acts 8:38)*

c) it does not earn forgiveness (1 Peter 3:21)

d) it is an act of obedience (1 Corinthians 11:2)

2) The Meaning of the Symbol—Identification

a) It pictures union with Christ (Romans 6:3)

b) It pictures death and resurrection (Romans 6:4)

c) It pictures cleansing

E. Special Considerations:

1) Children and baptism

*“Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them”*

*(Matthew 19:14; cf. 18:3)*

2) Christians who refuse baptism

a) ignorance

b) pride

c) indifference

d) defiance

e) unregenerate

## II. Communion

A. The First Communion was Instituted at the Last \_\_\_\_\_ Passover \_\_\_\_\_.

*(Matthew 26:26-29)*

B. It is Celebrated with the \_\_\_\_\_ Bread \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ Cup \_\_\_\_\_.

*(1 Corinthians 11:23-25)*

C. It was \_\_\_\_\_ Given \_\_\_\_\_ to the Church as a \_\_\_\_\_ Reminder \_\_\_\_\_.

*“do this in remembrance of Me” (Luke 22:19)*

1) to give ‘thanks’ (*eucharist*) (1 Corinthians 10:16 NIV)

2) while remembering Christ’s sinless life—“bread”

3) and to “proclaim” His atoning death—“blood” (1 Corin. 11:26a)

a) His death was voluntary

b) His death was substitutionary

4) until He returns (1 Corinthians 11:26b)

a) with regularity

b) corporately

D. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ Symbolic \_\_\_\_\_ Ceremony

1) It does not earn God’s favor or forgiveness

2) Christ died only once (Hebrews 7:27)

E. It is a \_\_\_\_\_ Sacred \_\_\_\_\_ Ceremony

1) to be celebrated by believers (1 Corinthians 10:16)

2) who first examine themselves (1 Corinthians 11:27-30)

3) and exercise faith (1 Corinthians 11:25)

F. Special Considerations—Children and Communion