

THE DOCTRINES OF OUR FAITH!

XIV. OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer; in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, with the authority of the local church, to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Saviour, with its effect in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; that it is pre-requisite to the privileges of a church relation and to the Lord's supper; in which the members of the church, by the sacred use of bread and the fruit of the vine are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ; preceded always by solemn self-examination.

We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion in water Immersion is the scriptural method of Baptism=Matthew 3:16a; **"And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: Mark 1:9-10; "And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan. And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him." John 3:23; "And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized.** Consider, to come up out of you must be down in. Also John was baptizing in the Jordan River because he needed much water. You do not need much water to sprinkle or pour. Acts 8:26-28a, 36; **"And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, Was returning, And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doeth hinder me to be baptized?"** The English word baptize comes from the Greek word "baptizo". Greek Lexicons (dictionary) state: 1. Liddell & Scott: Baptizo, to dip. 2. Bagster: Baptizo, to bathe, immerse. 3. Sapulo: Baptizo, to dip to immerse. There is no Greek Lexicon that does not give "to dip or immerse" as the primary meaning of "baptizo"! Rantizo primarily means "to sprinkle." Echo means "to pour."

We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer: Acts 8:35-39; Matthew 3:6; "And were baptized of him in Jordan confessing their sins."

in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Matthew 28:18-19; "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven, and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Jesus gave this command and thus Baptism is important. Remember Jesus walked 60 miles to be baptized of John the Baptist! Mark 1:9;

"And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan." Baptism must be important!!

with the authority of the local church, Authority illustrated=**Matthew 21:24-25a-b**; implies that man's baptism is not of God. **Matthew 21:25**; The authority of Jesus is questioned. Jesus declares His authority in Matthew 28:18; **"And Jesus came and spake unto them saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."** Jesus gave The Great Commission to the Church. ill-Boy playing policeman. ill-Boys in swimming baptizing each other.

to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Saviour, Romans 6:3-5; Colossians 2: 12; "Buried with Him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with Him through the faith of **the operation of God, who hath raised Him from the dead.**"

with its effect in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; Romans 6:6- 23; Galatians 2:20; **"I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me."**

That it is pre-requisite to the privileges of a church relation and to the Lord's supper; Matthew 28:18-19; **"And Jesus came and spake unto them saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."** Acts 2:41-42; **"Then they that gladly received his word (believed-were saved) were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them a bout three thousand souls. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, (Matthew 26:26; Mark 14: 22; Luke 22:19;) and in prayers."**

in which the members of the church, by the sacred use of bread and the fruit of the vine are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ; Matthew 26:26-29; (Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:17-20;) **I Corinthians 11:23-26**;

preceded always by solemn self-examination. I Corinthians 11:27-33;

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