

# Water Baptism and Communion

## Church Ordinances

The Ordinances of the local church are outward rites of or symbolic observances commanded by Jesus, which reveals essential Christian truths. The ordinances are sometimes called sacraments. The word sacrament originally meant an oath of obedience taken by newly enlisted soldiers. The ordinances can be defined as the outward sign of an inward work or the visible sign of an invisible work of Grace. The two that Protestant churches consistently observe are Water Baptism and the Lord's Supper. (All churches that are not Catholic are Protestant churches)

### A. Water Baptism

1. What did Jesus require before a person could be baptized?  
(Mark) 16:16

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- 2) What were the main three things Jesus commanded us as his church to do? (Matt 28:19)-- Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.- \*\*Because of so much debate, many have included - in Jesus name\*\*

- 3) Identify who was baptized in Matthew 3:16, as an example to us - the Church. Jesus

- 4) On the day of Pentecost, what two things did Peter command the people to do?

Acts 2:38, Repent and be baptized, everyone of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

5) Philip preached the Word of God to the Samaritan people and baptized them. What preceded their baptism? Acts 8:12.- They believed the preaching of the things concerning the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ.

6) What did Phillip require the Ethiopian eunuch to do before being baptized? (Acts 8:36-38) He was required to believe on Jesus Christ with all of his heart as being the Son of God.

*Keep in mind, water baptism does not save you. There is nothing miraculous about the water. The act of baptism simply symbolizes a death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ Romans 6 verse 3 and 4. We openly let the world know that we are not ashamed to identify ourselves with the Lord and what he commanded us to do. A person should be saved before being baptized.*

7) What does God require for Salvation in Romans 10 verse 9 through 13? That a person should confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

8) What condemns a person to go to Hell? (Mark 16:16) One that believeth not that Jesus is the son of God.

9) What mode or method of baptism is seen being used in scripture? Immersion down in the water or sprinkling? Immersing down in water is seen being used by scripture, however sprinkling can be used for people that, because of the help issues, cannot be immersed in water. (Trach or wheelchair bound, etc)

10) True or False. The baptism requires the administrator and a candidate to go down in the water. (Acts 8:38) Philip and the eunuch went down in the water.

11) Therefore the old person is buried with Him, by baptism into death, in a watery grave. When he is raised from the water - the symbolically resurrected new person is risen, just as Jesus is risen. Romans 6 verse 4, this proves that baptism scripturally was more than a few sprinkles or drops of water

12) What happened in Matt 3:16 ? When Jesus was baptized, went up straightway out of the water, and low the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting upon him.

## WATER Baptism – service example

We want to commend and give God a hand for the candidates for Baptism and for all of you coming out to support and witness this great divine moment.

**What we want to do I begin with our prayer:**

**We will have a Word of Exhortation** and then we will release the candidate to get dressed, once they are ready, we will then have someone to exhort them to the baptismal area.

**Prayer:**

**Exhortation:**

**Matt3:3-17 Kj** *Jesus set the example for us to be baptized by John the Baptist, scripture commands us to be Baptized in Water.*

<sup>3</sup> For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.<sup>4</sup> And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.<sup>5</sup> Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan,<sup>6</sup> And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?<sup>8</sup> Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:<sup>9</sup> And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

<sup>10</sup> And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.<sup>11</sup> I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:<sup>12</sup> Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.<sup>13</sup> Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.<sup>14</sup> But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

<sup>15</sup> And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.<sup>16</sup> And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:<sup>17</sup> And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

\*\*It's also find to get repeated baptisms.

**Matt 28:18,19 Kj** <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. <sup>19</sup> Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

The word baptism is the greet word Baptizo which means to dip, submerge and plunge cover..

## **Water Baptism:**

- a) This is the very first Act of Obedience to God on behalf of these God's Children.
- b) Water Baptism does not save no one , again it's an act of obedience once you get saved.
- c) Water Baptism is a testimony of one's genuine repentance and faith in public.

d) It's placing on the name of Christ.

e) It's telling the world and all the demons that I am joining forces with God concerning evil and changing camps to become a friend of God.

f) It's the acknowledgement of the Lordship of Christ in one's life.

g) It's the physical demonstration of our identification with the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord.

h) When we stand at the pool scripture implies that we are dead with him and when we are taken under, we are buried and then, praise God, we rise from a watery grave, just as Jesus raised from the dead.

Jesus then raised to a newness of life and we are believing that, that pool, signifies the Blood of Jesus and when we bring them up, their lives will never be the same. The shackles that they might be struggling with, will be left in the water.

The bible says therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, old things are passed away behold all things are become new.

**Jesus came from Galilee to Jordon to be baptized: John knew who he was and said I need to be baptized of thee , but Jesus said : It becometh us to fulfill all righteousness, He then baptized him and when he came up out of the water , a voice from heaven said this is my beloveth Son in whom I am well pleased.**

**I say to you today, God says , These are my beloveth sons and daughters, in whom I am well pleased:**

**These have made their confession our salvation, they have made a decision to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Because of their obedience to the great head of the church, I baptize you my brother / sister in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost , in Jesus name.**

**Now, Lord solidify all that you have done, God, let your glory rest on them all the days of their lives. Let them be discipled and help others come to know you and be saved, in Jesus name. Amen.**

## The Lord's Supper - Communion

A. The holy ordinances symbolizes the broken body and the shed blood of our Lord, our participation in the benefits of his atoning death, and the covenant which He sealed with his own blood. It represents our union with Him who is the sustenance of our spiritual life. It is a memorial of his death and looks forward to his coming again.

1) Passover, which was a Jewish celebration of the night when God commanded the children of Israel to get a lamb, kill it, take the blood and put it over the doorpost of their home and the Death Angel would pass over them. Jesus at His last Passover, instituted the ordinance of the taking of the bread and the fruit of the vine as a memorial of his atoning death. Why did Jesus want us to observe this supper?

Luke 22:19 Jesus wanted us to observe the supper to remember all that he did for you and me.

2) What did the apostles of the early church called this supper? ( Acts 2:48)

They called it the breaking of bread.

3) What is the bread represent in the supper? 1st Cor 11:23,24 - Jesus's broken body.

4) What did the cup of wine represent? The blood of Jesus.

5) What are we showing when we eat of the bread and drink of the cup? 1st Cor 11:26 – We are showing the Lord's death until he comes.

6) What does the Lord ask us to do before partaking of the supper? 1st Cor 11:28- Examine yourself.\*\* release unforgiveness and confess any known or unknown sin\*\*. No matter how you feel about yourself, Jesus has made you worthy to receive Communion\*\*



7) Jesus said that the cup, wine, represented his shed blood. The Bible says, in Hebrews 9 verse 22; without the shedding of the blood, there is no remission or forgiveness of sins. So now we know that there was a purpose for that blood.

The bread Jesus said, representing his body. If the blood was for the Forgiveness of our sins, what was the purpose of the body?

**1st Pet 2:24 says**, by his stripes, on his body we are healed. We are spiritually and legally healed in Heaven, by the stripes, of the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, we can believe God for what's already done in Heavenly places. We can appropriate healing by believing God, by faith; that we have already been healed, in Jesus name. This can happen many many times during the communion services. Those strikes were the lashes, the whips, made on the body of Jesus.

## Communion Service example 1:

At this time, we are going to begin our communion service. Let's prepare to partake from the Lord's Table. Please raise your hand if you do not have your elements. The officers will be more than glad to assist you.

Before we begin, I have a few scriptures that I need to bring to your attention.

I will be reading from 1st Corinthians 11 chapter, verse 27 through 31 verses. Scripture says that whoever shall eat this bread and drink of this cup all the Lord, unworthily shall be guilty of the Body and Blood of the Lord.

Verse 28 says, so let a man examine himself. Do you have any grudge or unforgiveness in your heart at this time concerning anyone? Do you have any unconfessed sin in your life? Are you born again? Are you saved?

Verse 29 says that he that eat it or drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning or not recognizing the Lord's Body. Verse thirty says that for this cause many are weak and sickly among you and many sleep. Verse 31 says, if we judge ourselves or we examine ourselves, we would not be judged.

Let's take this time to make our confessions unto God before we continue this sacred right of the church. 1st John 1:9 says, if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Please turn your cup so the bread is facing you and open it and hold it in before you.. I'm reading from 1st Corinthians 11:23 through 26, 23) for I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: 24) And when he had given thanks, he break it, and said, take eat, this is my body, which is broken for you, this do in remembrance of me.

Let's take of the Lord's body. You may eat.

Please turn your cup to where the Juice, which represents or resembles the wine, is facing you; take the top off and hold it before you.

Verses 25 and 26 says, after the same matter also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, this cup is the New Testament in my blood, this do ye, as oft as you drink it, in remembrance of me. 26) For as often as you eat this bread, and drink this cup, you do shew the Lord's death till He comes.

You may drink and partake of the Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ..

**Pray:** Father we thank you for this precious time of remembrance and unity among the body. We do remember and proclaim that Jesus died, was buried, and rose again on the third day for our sins and we thank you Father for all that you have done. We also thank you that his body was broken that we may be healed and that the blood; His blood was shed, that we may be redeemed and set free from sin and eternal death. Thank you Father for this Precious Blood that flowed down from Calvary, for All Mankind. We honor you Jesus, we love you, and we bless you, in Jesus name, amen.

## COMMUNION Example SERVICE 2, Leaders Copy

- 1) Let's prepare our hearts for our Communion Services, lets partake of the Lords Table.
  - a) This is the time that we remember all that Jesus did for us on the Cross. How, He was beat, nailed to the cross, suffered and died for our sin, sicknesses and eternal death. He did it so we would not have too. Yes and surely he rose from the dead because He defeated death . It could not hold the King of Glory, and today we honor him by remembering all he did for us.

**Minister's Intro:** *Lord, You said in Your Word that, except we eat the flesh **of the Son of Man** and drink Your blood, we have no life in us. As we come to Your communion table today, we acknowledge that You are the living bread. **We do not come to** Your table unworthily. We come rightly discerning Your body, broken for our healing, and Your blood for our redemption. We thank You that as we **sprinkle the blood** in our bodies, it separates us from evil, sickness, death, and destruction, in Jesus' name.*

***You may distribute the elements that represent the Lord's Body and Blood.***

***Once distributed, Congregation makes following Confession.***

***Next we will have our Congregational Confession together , 1,2 ready read\_***

***Congregation and Minister in Unison: Heavenly Father, You have made provision in Your covenant for me to have long life in the earth.***

**You said in Your Word that** if I would rightly discern Your body, I could be healed from sickness and early death. I rightly discern that Your body was broken for my healing. **I believe Your body** and blood can

correct anything that is not functioning properly in my body. I receive strength, health, and longevity from this communion. **Your blood and body** have mastery over sickness and disease. Your blood and body

devour all death and sickness in me. This communion nullifies death and releases **the life of God in my** body. Satan, you cannot take my life before God's time because Jesus has died that I might have life. Just as the

blood of lambs protected Israel **from death, much more** does the blood of Jesus protect me from the spirits of death and destruction. Therefore, I

decree that death must pass over my life **and my house. Christ is my** Passover Lamb. In Jesus' name.

**At this time please open the top seal, take the bread out and hold it before you, please.**

***The Scripture says:***

**Minister:** And when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, “Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.”

**YOU MAY NOW PARTAKE OF THE LORD’S BODY.**

**Now open the cup where the juice is that represents the Blood of our Lord and Savior. Hold it before you.**

**And the Scripture go’s on to say:**

**Minister:** After the same manner also He took the cup, when he had supped, saying, “This cup of the New Testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**YOU MAY PARTAKE OF THE LORD’S BLOOD.**

**Minister:** Lord, we receive Your body and blood. They show Your death until You come. *We love you Lord , and we receive the sacrifice You made on our behalf. We confess now that we are healed, delivered, set free, and protected by the blood of Jesus, in Jesus’ name. Amen.*

***If this brings victory to your hearts, please give the Lord a great Big hand praise.***