



# Foundations of the Faith

# The Ordinances – Baptism & Lord's Supper

God wants us to have a good memory:

***Psalm 77:11 (NIV) - "I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago."***

***1 Chronicles 16:12 (NIV) - Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced.***

- i. Jacob's Dream – ***Genesis 28-10-22***
- ii. Israel Crosses Jordan River into the Promised Land  
– ***Joshua 4-19-24***
- iii. The Passover – ***Exodus 12***



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***2 Corinthians 9:15 (NIV) –***

***God's....**indescribable** gift!***

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Dictionary.com: ***an authoritative rule or law; a decree or command***

Nelson’s Topical Bible Index:

***Ordinances - regulations established for proper procedure***

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Participating in these ordinances doesn’t do anything for you regarding your salvation.

They “testify of the gospel” → symbolically remind us that Jesus Christ lived, died, and rose again from the dead so that we could be reconciled to God.



# 1. The Ordinance of Believer's Baptism

## Baptism

We believe that the New Testament clearly prescribes baptism for believing disciples as a symbol and proclamation of the believer's death to sin and resurrection to new of life. Further we believe and practice immersion as the mode of baptism prescribed by the New Testament in accordance with its word meanings, examples, and symbolism.

Matthew 28:19-20    Acts 2:38; 8:12    Romans 6:3

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## Baptism

- a one-time public declaration of a person's faith and trust in Christ
- a visual aid of our salvation and identification with Christ

Baptism points to the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.

a. The Condition For Baptism

***Matthew 28:19 (NIV) - “Therefore GO and make  
disciples of all the nations...***

***...baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the  
Son and of the Holy Spirit.”***

a. The Condition For Baptism

***Ephesians 2:8–9 (NIV) - <sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast.***

a. The Condition For Baptism

***Acts 2:41 [ESV] - "Those who accepted his message were baptized."***

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a. The Condition For Baptism

***Acts 16:30-34 (NIV) - "'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' And [Paul & Silas] replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved – you and your household." "Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house...and immediately he and all his family were baptized...and he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God – he and his whole family.***

**a. The Condition For Baptism**

The Condition for baptism is being saved through faith and trust in Jesus Christ for salvation.

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**b. The Command About Baptism**

Every Christian should be baptized.

***Matthew 28:19–20 (NIV) <sup>19</sup> GO therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.***

Baptism is a command for believers in Christ to respond to in obedience.

### c. The Confession of Baptism

Baptism illustrates our identity with Christ.

***Romans 6:1–4 (NIV) What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? <sup>3</sup> Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> 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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**Died with  
Christ**



*Romans 6:4 "we were therefore buried with him through baptism into death"*



**Buried  
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*Romans 6:4 "just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life"*



**Raised  
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## 2. The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper

### The Lord's Supper

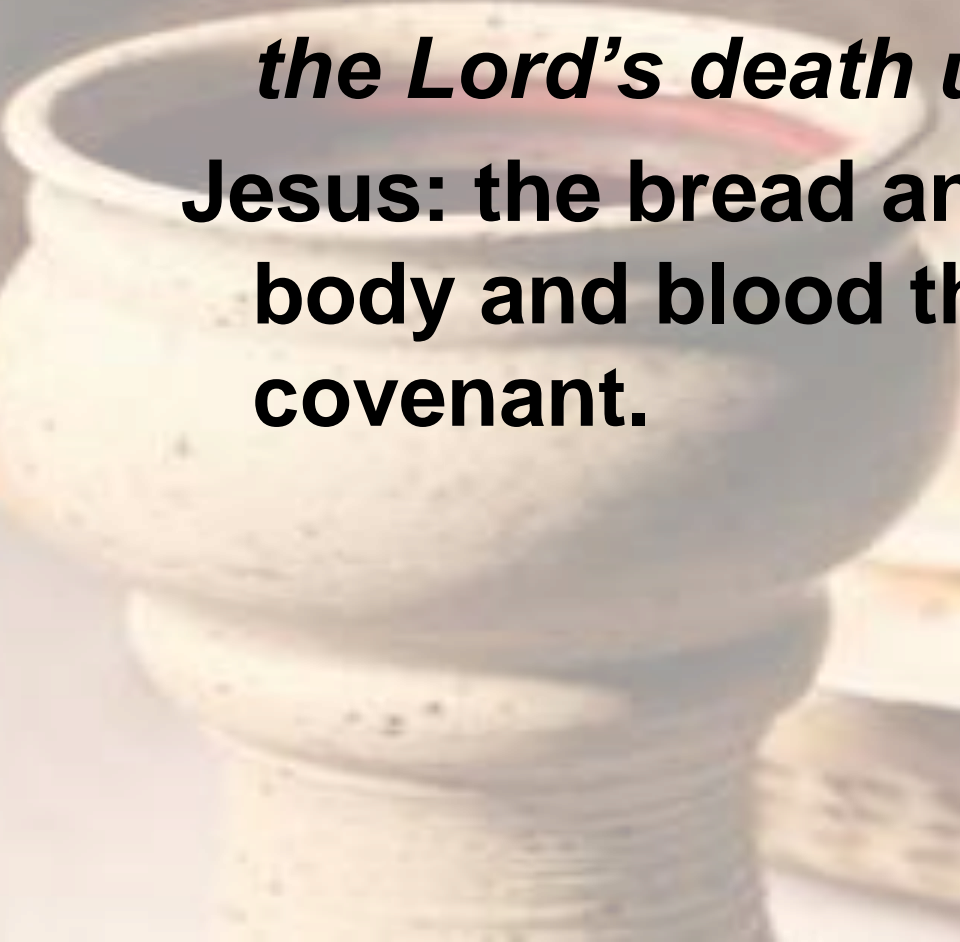
We believe that our Lord and Saviour clearly prescribed for His believing disciples the solemn rite of the Lord's Supper as a memorial of the Lord's death to be kept by His disciples until He comes again, according to His promise and the Father's revealed plan.

1 Corinthians 11:23-27    Luke 22:19-20

## 2. The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper

***1 Corinthians 11:26 (NIV) ...whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.***

**Jesus: the bread and the cup represented his body and blood that ushered in the new covenant.**



## 2. The Ordinance of the Lord's Supper

***Jeremiah 31:31–34 (NIV) <sup>31</sup> “The time is coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah... <sup>33</sup> “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”***

## **The New Covenant:**

- **knowing God more intimately through his Spirit living in those who put their faith in him**
- **being obedient to God's will from the heart**
- **experiencing forgiveness**

**The Lord's Supper proclaims Christ's death & resurrection.**

**It's important that only believers participate.**



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**We are to participate *“in a worthy manner”***

- **come with humble hearts**
- **examining our own lives**
- **confessing sin and seeking forgiveness**
- **having thankful hearts for what Jesus did for us**

**Jesus says...**

**Do this in remembrance of me**