

Jesus
Christ's
Two
Ordinances
for
His Church

Matthew
28:18-20



1 Corinthians
11:21-29



I. The Ordinance of Christian Baptism

- *The Model for Baptism (Matthew 3:13-17)*
 - Jesus Christ set the **example** for all of His disciples to follow.
 - Christians publicly identify themselves as disciples of Jesus Christ through **believer's baptism.**



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- *The Mandate for Baptism*
(Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:38-41)
 - Jesus Christ’s command to “make disciples” **precedes** the mandated action of “baptizing them” in His name.
 - Therefore, baptism is only for **believers!**



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- *The Meaningful Message of Baptism (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)*
 - The Gospel (or “Good News”):
 - Jesus Christ really **died**.
 - He was really **buried**.
 - He really **rose again from the dead**.



I. The Ordinance of Christian Baptism

- *The Meaningful Message of Baptism (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)*
 - Jesus Christ's death, burial, and resurrection was in accordance with the Scriptures that foretold His death, burial, and resurrection.



I. The Ordinance of Christian Baptism

- *The Meaningful Message of Baptism (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)*
 - Christian baptism is a **physical and public reminder** of how Christians are united with Jesus Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection through faith in His Gospel.



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- *The Mode of Baptism*
(*Matthew 3:5, 13, 16; Acts 8:35-39*)
 - **Immersion** (rather than sprinkling or dipping) is the literal and natural rendering of the Greek word “*baptizo.*”
 - “*in the Jordan River*”; “*went down into*”;
“*...went up from*”

So what's the big deal about baptism?

- Baptism follows Jesus Christ's **example**.
- Baptism obeys the Word of God's **commands**.
- Baptism is the primary step of **obedience** for a Christian.
- Baptism is a **public** pledge to live for Christ.
- Baptism is an **encouragement** to the Church.

THREE OBSERVATIONS

Baptism is designed by God...

1. ...to **impact** Christians with the *power* of Christ's Gospel.
2. ...to **influence** Christians towards *public*, Christ-like living.
3. ...to **inspire** Christians to pursue community ("one another") *discipleship*.

FOUR QUESTIONS

1. Have you been **biblically** baptized as a Christian?

FOUR QUESTIONS

2. If you are a Christian, and you have not been biblically baptized, what is holding you back from **obeying** Christ's command?
- *Fear? ("It feels awkward.")*
 - *Confusion? ("I don't understand.")*
 - *Confession? ("I wasn't saved!")*

FOUR QUESTIONS

3. If you have been biblically baptized, are you being faithful in **fulfilling** your public commitment to live for Jesus Christ as His disciple?

FOUR QUESTIONS

4. If you have been biblically baptized, how are you **encouraging** your brothers and sisters in Christ and **ministering** to them?



II. The Ordinance of Christian Communion

- *The Model for Communion (Luke 22:7-22)*
 - Jesus Christ set the **example** for His Church to follow.
 - Christians corporately identify as Jesus Christ's Church through **Communion**.



II. The Ordinance of Christian Communion

- *The Mandate for Communion*
(1 Corinthians 11:21-29)
 - Jesus Christ's command is only for His Church to **observe often together.**
 - Therefore, Communion is only for **believers!**



II. The Ordinance of Christian Communion

- *The Meaningful Message of Communion (1 Corinthians 11:24-25)*
 - Christian communion is a **physical and corporate reminder** for the Christian Church of Jesus Christ's past, once-for-all, physical death on the cross.



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- *The Meaningful Message of Communion (1 Corinthians 11:24-25)*
 - Christian communion is a **physical and corporate reminder** of Jesus Christ's **blood** that was shed for a substitutionary atonement for sin.



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- *The Meaningful Message of Communion (1 Corinthians 11:24-25)*
 - Christian communion is a **physical and corporate reminder** that Jesus Christ's body is no longer on the cross and is no longer in the tomb!



II. The Ordinance of Christian Communion

- *The Mode of Communion*
(1 Corinthians 11:24-25)
 - The bread and cup are **only symbols and physical reminders** of Christ's past crucified body and shed blood.



II. The Ordinance of Christian Communion

- *The Mode of Communion*
(1 Corinthians 11:24-25)
 - The bread and the cup **did not back then, are not now, and will never become** Jesus Christ's physical or spiritual body and blood.



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(1 Corinthians 11:24-25)
 - Therefore, the Scriptures do not teach what some religions or denominations call “*transubstantiation*” or “*consubstantiation*.”

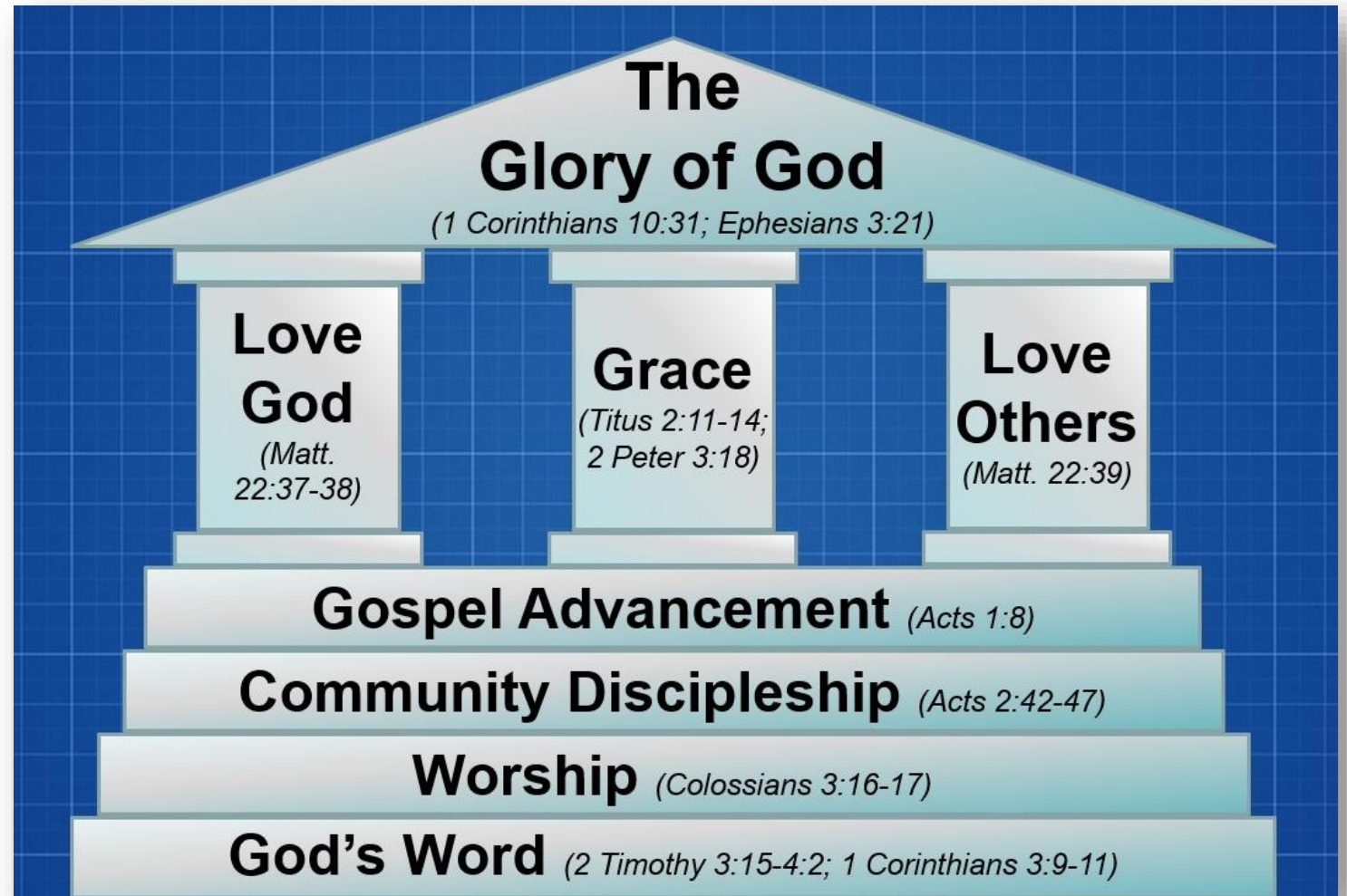


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- *The Mode of Communion*
(1 Corinthians 11:24-25)
 - The Gospel of Jesus Christ **preaches** that Jesus Christ's body is no longer on the cross and is no longer in the tomb—
He has died and He has risen!

Purposes of Baptism & Communion

- God's glory
- Obeying Christ's commands
- Community discipleship
- Public witness for Christ



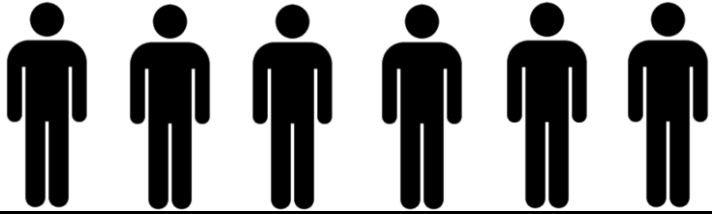


III. The Limitations of Baptism and Communion



*Neither baptism nor communion
can save us from sin's penalty!*

- ***Romans 3:10, 23-25; 5:8; 6:23***
- ***Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5; 1 John 4:9***
- ***Isaiah 53:6; 64:6***

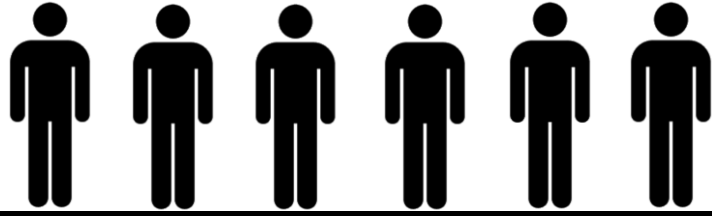


God's Enemies

- *Depraved Sinners*
- *Condemned under God's Holy Wrath*

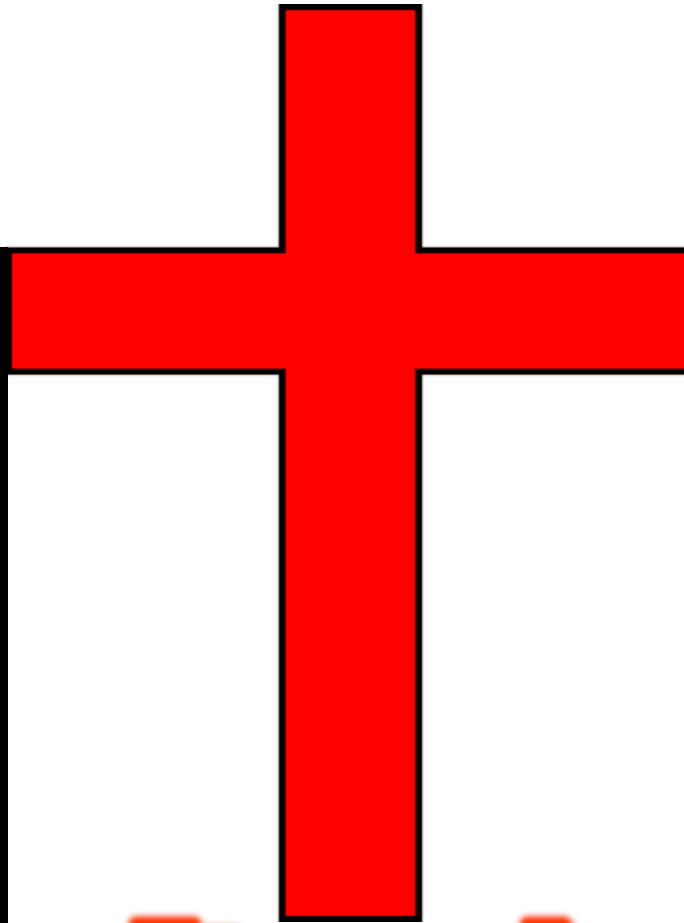


**Eternal
Death**



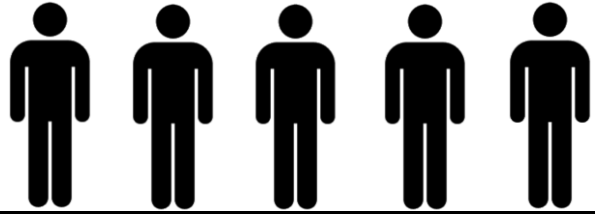
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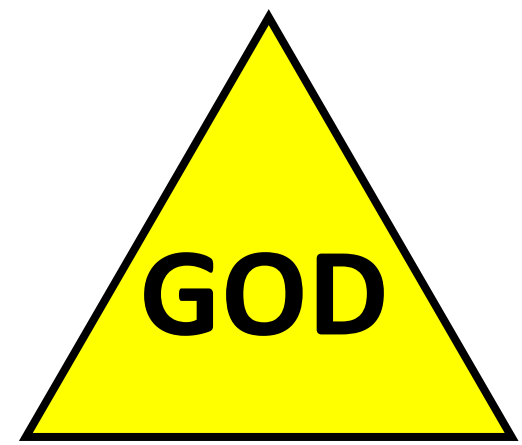
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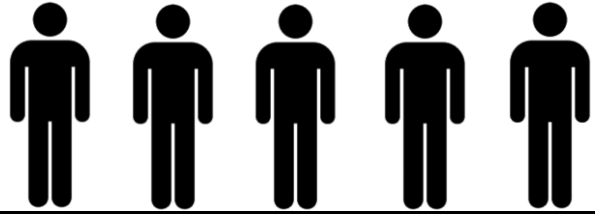
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JOHN 3:16

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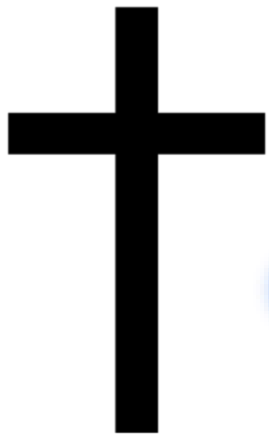


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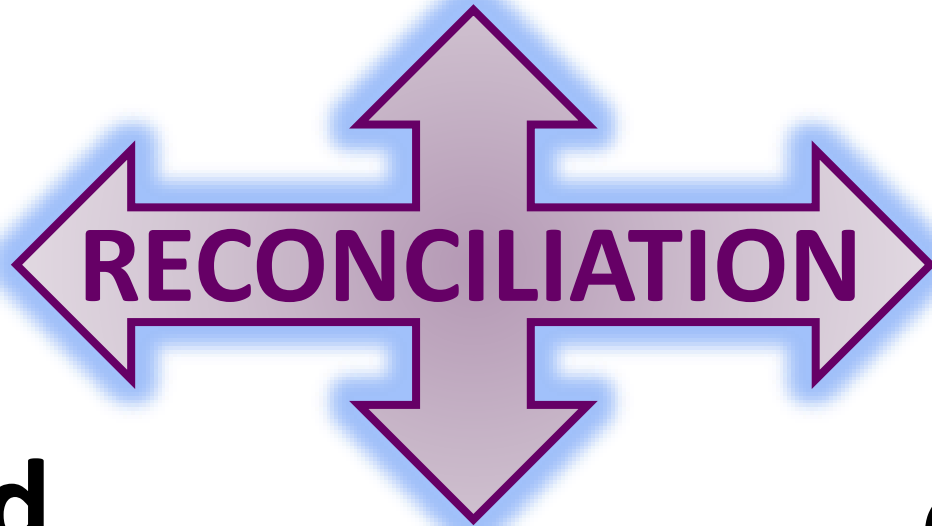
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Reconciled
to God!

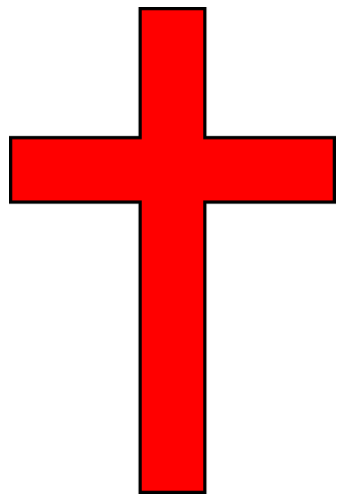
- *Justified by Christ's Blood*
- *Saved from God's Wrath*



**Justified
by Christ's **Blood**
[His **Death**]**



**Saved from
God's Wrath
by Christ's **Life**
[His **Resurrection**]**



IV. God's Invitation to All for **Eternal Life**

John 3:16

*“For God so **loved** the world,
that He gave His only Son,
that **whoever believes in Him**
should **not perish**
but **have eternal life.**”*

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BIG IDEA:

**Christian
baptism and communion
are important because
they magnify the glory
of Jesus Christ
in His Church.**