**"Ordinances That Affect Us All"**

# Matthew 28:19; Acts 2:37-38, 41; Romans 6:3-4

 **Baptism**

## I. Requirements for Believer’s Baptism

 1. Must be a believer in Jesus Christ (Acts 2:37-38,41)

***Acts 2:37-38***

***37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"***

***38 And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."***

***Acts 2:41, "So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls."***

2. Follows your salvation experience.

***Colossians 2:12, “For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead." (NLT)***

## II. Mode of Believer’s Baptism is Immersion

1. Greek word for baptism (“baptizo") means to dip or immerse.

2. Use of the word “baptize” indicates immersion

***John 3:23, “John was also baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there, and people were coming and being baptized.”***

**Acts 8:36*, “See here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?”***

3. Immersion best pictures the symbolism of baptism:A union with Christ in his death, burial and resurrection.

***Romans 6:3-4:***

***3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?***

***4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.***

## III. Reasons for Baptism

1. Follow the example of Jesus Christ (Matthew 3:13-17)
2. Personally identify with the person of Jesus Christ (Romans 6:3-4)
3. Obey the commands of Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:19)

***Matthew 28:19, "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,"***

***Ephesians 2:8-9, “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith-and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- not by works, so that no one can boast.”***

 4. Publicly testify that you are following Jesus Christ.

**Lord's Supper**

**I.** **Symbolizes Christ’s death (Matthew 26:26-28)**

**II.** **Reminds us that Christ is coming again (vs. 29)**

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