

ENGLISH

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SALVATION, BAPTISM, LORD'S SUPPER, & CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

INTRODUCTION: Dovetail Illustration. An introduction. More scripture for each point.

I. SALVATION BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH ALONE

- Ephesians 2:8-9 – “For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast.”
- Roman Road: Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; Romans 5:8; Romans 10:9-10
- One word Evangelism: John 3:16; Invite Him in – Revelation 3:20
- Conviction; Safe vs. saved; “Jesus Paid it All.”
- Once saved, always saved. Security of the believer. John 10:27-30.

II. BELIEVERS' BAPTISM

- “Believers” baptism, by immersion only, after conversion, thus no infant baptism.
- English word “baptize” from Greek word, “baptizo” meaning to immerse or submerge. Not to sprinkle.
- Acts 2:38 – “Repent . . .and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins.” For = Eis – because of; not “in order to.”
- Baptism is an important symbol, but not essential for salvation.
- Baptist sometimes refer to baptism as the “door to church membership.”
- Church ordinance vs. baptized at Beach Reach or in Jordan River
- Who can perform baptism? Baptism stories.

III. REGENERATE CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

- Re-generate = Re-created or born again.
- Necessary after Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire.
- The church in Jerusalem; Acts 2:27 – “And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.”
- Paul and the church in Corinth; 1 Corinthians 1:2 – “To the church of God which is at Corinth to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of the Lord.”
- Local church and universal church.
- How to become a member of a local Baptist church: Baptism, transfer of membership from a church of like belief, statement of previous church membership. Necessary in order to maintain a “pure” membership.

IV. LORD’S SUPPER

- Observed on a regular (or irregular) schedule by a local Baptist Church.
- Ordinance because Baptists believe it was ordered by Jesus (1 Corinthians 12:24-25) “Take and eat . . . in remembrance of Me.”
- Transubstantiation - bread and wine are transformed into the blood and body of Christ.
- Consubstantiation - the body and blood of Christ are present in the bread and wine.
- Baptists reject both and believe the Supper is symbolic.
- Open Communion vs. Closed Communion. Common cup. Wine vs. Welch’s Grape Juice.

Preview of the future:

- September 17th - “Autonomy of The Local Church & Two Offices” - Dr. Stephen Stookey
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