

WHAT
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INTRODUCTION

As we continue our conversation around what we believe as followers of Jesus, we are going to reiterate some very important truths today. We're going to look at why we believe what we believe surrounding communion and baptism and how these are symbols in our faith walk, but not the things that actually save us. Let's dive in together.

KEY POINTS

1. We believe in the symbolism of the ordinances.

The two ordinances we are going to discuss today are communion and baptism. There are many people who believe that taking part in these acts play a part in our salvation, but we do not believe that is the case. According to Scripture, they are symbols, not saviors. Taking communion does not make you a Christian. Getting baptized does not make you a Christian. These are outward symbols that reflect an inward decision to follow Jesus, but they are not required for salvation.

How do we know this to be true? Think about the thief on the cross. He never had the chance to take communion or to be baptized, but after he asked Jesus to remember him, Jesus assured him that later in the day, the thief would be with him in paradise.

Just like today's key Scripture verse reminds us, it is not because of anything we've done that we experience salvation. It is all because of what Jesus did for us on the cross that we are saved.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Have you ever been told that baptism and/or communion is required to be saved? How did that conversation go?
2. Have you been baptized since you placed your faith in Jesus? If not, what is holding you back from taking that next step in your walk with the Lord?
3. What encouragement can we take from the story of the thief on the cross and his interaction with Jesus?
