

# Baptist Essentials – Why Are We Baptists?

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The second “T” stands for \_\_\_\_\_ Ordinances.

## ***Ordinances***

The word sacrament can be understood in two different ways:

- 1) Catholics believe that sacraments are efficacious signs of \_\_\_\_\_ by which divine life is dispensed and are \_\_\_\_\_ for salvation.<sup>1</sup>
- 2) Evangelicals who use the word sacrament believe them to be visible \_\_\_\_\_ God's invisible grace.

Ordinance means a \_\_\_\_\_ or an \_\_\_\_\_ order.

## ***The Practice of Believer's Baptism***

- 1) Baptism identifies the believer as a \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus. (*Acts 2:41a*)
  - a. Baptismal Regeneration teaches that upon going under the baptismal waters, you have \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Basic hermeneutical rules:
    - i. Rule 1: \_\_\_\_\_ is king.
    - ii. Rule 2: Words have grammatical and historical \_\_\_\_\_.
    - iii. Rule 3: Allow the Scripture to interpret the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2) Baptism proclaims the believer's \_\_\_\_\_ to sin, self, Satan, and the world, and his resurrection to new \_\_\_\_\_. (*Romans 6:3-5*)
- 3) Baptism identifies the believer with a \_\_\_\_\_ church. (*Acts 2:41*)
- 4) Baptism is to be completed by \_\_\_\_\_ and not by \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_. (*Acts 8:38-39*)
  - a. The Greek word \_\_\_\_\_ (baptizo) means “to plunge, dip, or immerse something under water.”
  - b. Two methods of baptism:
    - i. \_\_\_\_\_ practice baptizing those who are able to make a conscience profession of faith, ie. believer's baptism, by fully immersing the person under the water.

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<sup>1</sup> *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2nd edition, p. 292-293

- ii. \_\_\_\_\_ practice sprinkling infants with water or pouring water over those who make a profession of faith.

#### Objections to Infant Baptism:

- 1) There is no \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ of infant baptism in the New Testament.
- 2) The instances of baptism recorded in the New Testament "presuppose a credible and intelligent \_\_\_\_\_" which infants cannot fulfill.
- 3) Baptism expresses the believer's \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ and their regeneration.
- 4) Baptism is not the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Abrahamic mark of circumcision.

### ***The Lord's Supper***

- 1) The Lord's Supper leads us to worship by \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Cor. 11:23-25)
- 2) The Lord's Supper produces healthy \_\_\_\_\_ in the believer's life. (1 Cor. 11:27-32)
- 3) The Lord's Supper leads us to worship in \_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 26:29)

#### How is Christ Present in the Lord's Supper?

\_\_\_\_\_ – the bread and wine *actually become* in their essence the body and blood of Christ.

\_\_\_\_\_ – although the bread and wine do not actually become the literal body and blood, the physical body of Christ is literally present "in, with and under" the physical bread and wine.

\_\_\_\_\_ – The bread and wine *symbolize* the body and blood of Christ. They *give a visible sign of the fact of His true, though spiritual, presence*.

#### Who Should Participate in the Lord's Supper?

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ Communion: Only \_\_\_\_\_ of that particular church may participate.
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ Communion: Any \_\_\_\_\_ present at the church may participate whether or not he is a member.
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ Communion: There are no \_\_\_\_\_. Anybody can participate.