

A blurred background image of a church interior. In the foreground, the back of a person's head and shoulders is visible, looking towards a group of people in the distance. The background shows a church sanctuary with a pulpit, a large window, and several people standing or sitting. The overall scene is out of focus, emphasizing the text overlay.

Ordinances of The Church: Baptism & Communion

BAPTISM

1. Old Testament:

- Ritual washing of priests (Bronze laver);
- Ritual washing of lay people;
- Future cleansing of Israel;
- Dead Sea Scrolls—Essenes.

BAPTISM

2. Ordinance or sacrament?

- Main tenets of the Reformation:
- “Sola Scriptura”;
- Salvation by grace through faith alone;
- The priesthood of all believers.

SACRAMENTS AND ORDINANCES

- **Catholic Church**

- Means of salvation
- Not dependant on faith
- Only Clergy

- **Protestant Church**

- Means of grace
- Dependant on faith
- All Believers

BAPTISM

3. The Mode And Meaning Of Baptism

- 3.1. “Baptizo”;
- 3.2. Immersion is the plain meaning;
- 3.3. Symbolism of union with Christ.

BAPTISM

4. The Argument For Believers Baptism

- 4.1. Narrative examples;
- 4.2. Meaning of Baptism

BAPTISM

5. Catholic View: Why We Disagree:

- Infants unable to exercise faith;
- **John 3:5**
Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

BAPTISM

5. Catholic View: Why We Disagree:

- **John 3:3**

Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

- **Ez. 36:25-27**

BAPTISM

5. Catholic View: Why We Disagree:

- **Only Believers:**

- **Colossians 2:12**

having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful

working of God, who raised him from the dead.

BAPTISM

6. Protestant Infant Baptism View

- 6.1. Circumcision;
- 6.2. Baptism is Parallel to Circumcision;
- 6.3. Household Baptisms.

BAPTISM

Protestant Infant Baptism View: Why We Disagree

- Vital differences between Circumcision and Baptism;
- New Covenant completely different;
- Household Baptisms unconvincing;
- What does baptism do?
- Consequences of infant Baptism.

BAPTISM

7. The Effect And Necessity Of Baptism

- Expression of love for Jesus;
- Reminder of our death and new life in Christ;
- Reminder of belonging to His body;

BAPTISM

8. The age for Baptism?

9. Who can perform a Baptism?

BAPTISM

Baptism Of Jesus

- **Matthew 3:15**

But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented.

- **Symbol of His death**

- **Jesus had been circumcised**

COMMUNION (THE LORD'S SUPPER)

1. Old Testament history

- The Garden of Eden;
- The Fall of man;
- Symbolic meals;
- Passover meal;

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2. The meaning of Communion

- 2.1. Remembering the death of Christ;
- 2.2. Remembering the benefits of His death;
- 2.3. Spiritual nourishment;
- 2.4. Unity of Believers;
- 2.5. His affirmation of love;
- 2.6. His reminder of eternity;
- 2.7. His daily amazing Grace

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3. The meaning “presence” of Jesus at Communion

- 3.1. Roman Catholic View: Transubstantiation.
- 3.2. Protestant View: A symbolic and spiritual presence of Christ.

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4. Who should participate and how?

(1 Cor. 11:20-30)

5. Who should administer the elements?

6. How often?

