

# A VISIBLE GOSPEL

Romans 6:3-5  
1 Corinthians 11:23-29

## XIV. OF BAPTISM AND THE LORD'S SUPPER

*We believe that the Christian baptism is the immersion in water of a believer, into the name of the Father, and Son, and Holy Ghost; to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Savior, with its effect, in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a church relation, and to the Lord's Supper; in which the members of the church by the sacred use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ; preceded always by solemn self-examination.*

*“As the preaching of the Word makes the gospel audible, so the sacraments make it visible, and God stirs up faith by both means. Sacraments function as means of grace on the principle that, literally, seeing is (i.e., leads to) believing.”* JI Packer

*The sacraments are sermons you can see.*

# **BAPTISM: THE GOSPEL SEEN**

<sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> 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.

**Romans 6:3–4**

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<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

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Symbolic

Efficacy

Regenerative

Ephesians 4:4-5 *“one Lord, one faith, one baptism*

1 Corinthians 12:13 *“For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body...”*

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

**THE LORD'S SUPPER: THE GOSPEL SHARED**

<sup>23</sup> For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, <sup>24</sup> and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” <sup>25</sup> In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” <sup>26</sup> For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

**1 Corinthians 11:23–26**

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“The communion table is a gathering place for the weary, where they can feast on the love of Christ.” Charles Spurgeon

We Look Back (vv24-25]

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We Look Up (10:16)

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We Look Forward (v26)

<sup>27</sup> Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord.

<sup>28</sup> Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. <sup>29</sup> For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

**“The table is for believers—but not for  
careless believers.” John MacArthur**

Baptism: “You have died with Christ... and you have been raised with Him.”

Communion: “You are still mine... come and feed on *My* grace.”

**Christ died for you.  
Christ is with you.  
And Christ is coming again.**

