

# Standing On The Word

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## Lesson III: Orientation of Faith-Church Ordinances

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Week 3

Orientation of Faith - Church Ordinances

#### I. BAPTISM

##### OBJECTIVE:

To show how the ordinances, baptism and communion relate to our relationship and fellowship with Christ.

##### MEMORY VERSE:

For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit (I Corinthians 12:13).

##### WHY DO WE BAPTIZE?

1. In obedience to Christ. (Matthew 28:19)
2. Jesus in His baptism identified himself with sinners (baptism unto repentance) (Matthew 3:11, 13 - 16, Mark 1:4; Acts 19:4). It is needless to say, Jesus was perfect and sinless; therefore, needed no repentance; he said to John the Baptist, "Suffer it to be so." (I must identify with sinners. Matthew 3:13 - 15)
3. To identify with Christ. (Acts 2:38 - 39; Romans 6:4,5)
4. To express as a visual act what has taken place (naturally, spiritually, and supernaturally) within "being born again." (Colossians 2:10 - 14)

##### HOW DO WE PRACTICE OR WHICH IS THE WAY TO BE BAPTIZED?

1. We at Mount Sinai understand the Scriptures to teach baptism by immersion.

Immersion means to plunge into, to dip under (Matthew 3:13 - 16; Mark 1:9, 10).

2. We also see this as being the method of the New Testament Church (Matthew 3:13 - 16).

3. We only see this method used in the book of Acts.

#### WHAT DOES BAPTISM DO FOR US?

1. The Bible defines baptism in two respects:

A. Spirit baptism - The act of the Holy Spirit where he makes us a part of the body of Christ (I Corinthians 12:13). Every believer experiences this baptism. It takes place the very moment we believe and receive Jesus Christ as Savior (Ephesians 4:5; Colossians 2:12; 1 Peter 3:21; Mark 1:4-8)

B. Water baptism - We see water baptism being mainly symbolic; we believe that only those who have received the Lord Jesus as Savior should be baptized. (Acts 2:38-41; Acts 8:36-39)

2. We believe that water baptism identifies us with Christ's crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection (Romans 6:3 - 11).

We believe that in baptism we declare ourselves dead to the old life of the flesh (sin) and alive in the Spirit (Romans 6:3-5).

We believe that in baptism we declare new power to live the Christian life by virtue of Christ's resurrection (coming up out of the water) (Romans 6:6,7).

We believe that every Christian should be baptized in obedience to the command of Christ, and therefore, only baptized believers should partake of the Communion Service (Matthew 28:19, 20; Acts 2:38-41; Acts 9:18; Acts 8:12; Acts 16:15, 33).

#### QUESTIONS:

Have you been baptized?

Were you baptized before you truly committed your life to Jesus Christ?

Was it your decision to be baptized?

Do you understand the significance of baptism? Explain in your own words.

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## II. COMMUNION

### OBJECTIVE:

The Lord's Supper took place on the night before Jesus died. The breaking of the bread symbolizes the body of Jesus Christ and the drink is symbolic of the blood that was shed for our sins. As Christians partake of the Lord's Supper, we purpose to remember Christ, receive strength from Him and rededicate ourselves to His cause.

### MEMORY VERSE:

For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till He comes (I Corinthians 11:26).

We believe at Mount Sinai that Communion is an important part of Worship so we partake of it every time we assemble.

To understand communion, we must first understand it's birth (Matthew 26:17-30).

### COMMUNION IS CALLED:

- A. The Last Supper
- B. The Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 11:20)
- C. The Eucharist
- D. The Communion (1 Corinthians 10:16)
- E. The Breaking of Bread (Acts 2:42, 46, 20:7)
- F. The Lord's Table (1 Corinthians 10:21)
- G. The Cup of Blessing (1 Corinthians 10:16)

### ORIGIN OF PASSOVER

It is born out of the Passover feast. (Matthew 26:17)

It is born out of Christ's revelation of his disciples about his soon coming death for the sins of the world.

It was born out of their denial and Judas' betrayal. (Matthew 26:21)

It was to be done with deep soul searching. (Matthew 26:22)

It was to be understood symbolically, of eating Christ's body and drinking His blood. (Matthew 26:26, 27)

It was to be part of the New Covenant. (Matthew 26:28)

It is to be done with thanksgiving. It represented the removal of the sins of the partakers.

It was done in remembrance of Jesus Christ. (what He did for us on the cross of Calvary) (1 Corinthians 11:23-34)

It was to be a witness of Christ's death (atonement) until his return. (1 Corinthians 11:26)

#### HOW SHOULD WE APPROACH THE COMMUNION TABLE?

1. In remembrance of Christ's death on the cross for "me". (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)
2. With a repentant and thankful heart. (1 Corinthians 10:21)
3. In a spirit of fellowship and love. (1 Corinthians 16, 17)
4. In Holy Fear. (Matthew 26:24, 1 Corinthians 11:27-32)
5. Looking for His return.

#### QUESTIONS:

When do you begin preparing for the Lord's Supper?

Do you understand the significance of Communion? Explain in your own words.

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## **QUICK REVIEW**

8. WATER BAPTISM IDENTIFIES US

A. AS A BELIEVER

B. WITH CHRIST'S CRUCIFIXION, DEATH, BURIAL AND RESURRECTION.

C. AS SOMEONE WHO IS FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

9. COMMUNION SHOULD BE TAKEN

A. ONLY WHEN WE HAVE SINNED AND ASKED FORGIVENESS.

B. EVERY SECOND SUNDAY.

C. TO REMEMBER WHAT CHRIST DID FOR US ON THE CROSS.

D. ONLY WHEN WE HAVE NOT SINNED, LEAST WE EAT AND DRINK TO OUR DAMNATION.