



The topics for this lesson deal with two sacraments that Jesus gave to the church. All believers are called to be baptized as a testimony of their faith in Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:19-20). In like manner, Paul in 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 tells us that Jesus instituted communion as one way that believers can continually remember the sacrifice made for them upon Calvary, and also look forward to the Lord's return.

READY TO GO!

Let's pray that God will reveal more of Himself to us through this Bible study. Jesus said in John 5:39 that if we search the Scriptures we will learn of Him, for they bear witness of Him.

Before beginning your study please read the following passages of Scripture:

For Baptism: Acts 8:26-39; 1 Corinthians 1:13-18; Exodus 14; 1 Corinthians 10:1-2.

For Communion: Matthew 26:26-30; John 6; 1 Corinthians 10:16 & 11:23-34.

Answer the following questions using your own words (use extra paper if necessary).

BAPTISM

1) Is baptism necessary for salvation? (Romans 10:9-10; Titus 3:5; Ephesians 2:8-9)

2) What is the emphasis upon in Mark 16:16? What does it tell us is the reason for a person being damned?

3) In Acts 8:12, were those that were baptized already believers or did the act of baptism make them believers?

4) In Acts 8:36-37, what do you suppose could have hindered the eunuch from being baptized by Phillip?

5) In being baptized we are outwardly identifying with Christ's death and resurrection. What does it tell us about this in Romans 6:1-7 and Galatians 3:27?

6) From what you understand about Scripture, does baptism please the Lord? Why?

7) Should all believers be baptized? (Matthew 28:18-20)

COMMUNION

(Go to I Corinthians 11:23-26)

8) When did Jesus institute communion? (v. 23)

9) What does the bread and wine represent? (vv. 24-25)

10) Of what else does this feast of remembrance remind us? (v. 26)

(Go to John 6:48-63)

11) What does Jesus mean in verse 53 when He says, unless we eat His flesh and drink His blood we have no life in us?

12) Was this a literal statement or a spiritual one? (vv. 52 & 63)

GOOD TO KNOW 

Neither baptism nor taking communion are required for salvation!

Jesus Himself instituted both baptism and communion. Although baptism is not needed for salvation, Jesus desires all believers to be baptized as an outward confession of our faith in Him. Communion was given to us as a place to come and remember the cost of new life, the sacrifice of Jesus upon the cross. As Christians, communion should be an active part of our fellowship with God and baptism is a time of testimony of our belief in Jesus Christ.

13) List below some reasons for baptism and communion that you see as important.

MEMORY VERSE

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.” James 1:22 (NKJV)

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