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- Matthew 28:19
- Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

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- Matthew 26:26-28
- Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper. It says, "As they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, 'Take and eat it; this is My body.' Then He took a cup, and after giving thanks, He gave it to them and said, 'Drink from it, all of you. For this is my blood that establishes the covenant; it is shed for many for the forgiveness of sins.'"

# Baptism

- When was it that you gave your life to Christ?
- When you accepted Christ, you accepted Him as your Lord and Savior.
- A savior is someone who has saved you from something. Christ died to save you from your sins. You should have died for your sins, but Christ became your savior.

# Baptism

- Declaring Him as Lord is giving up all rights to your life
- You are no longer in control but He is in total control of you.
- When you make Jesus, Lord of your life, he has prepared a much better life than we could ever imagine.
- It is a life full of “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness and self-control.

# Baptism

- If someone is truly a disciple of Jesus Christ, if in fact they have chosen to surrender control of their life to Him, then the natural thing which should follow is obedience.
- Baptism is the first step of obedience in a lifelong journey with Jesus Christ.

# Baptism

- When we talk about baptism, we are talking about believer's baptism.
- Only believers, or disciples of Jesus, are called to obey Him.
- We hold that scripture teaches us only to baptize those people who have come to saving faith in Jesus Christ.

# Baptism

- Some denominations practice infant baptism,. But since babies have not come to a personal faith in Christ, baptism is not for them.
- Again, those churches which baptize babies teach either that by baptizing the baby they are washing away its original sins or that they are initiating the child into the community of faith
- We don't hold to infant baptism because we cannot find anywhere in scripture where it was practiced or prescribed. To the contrary we find that baptism is reserved for those who have made a conscious decision to allow Jesus Christ to be the Lord of their lives.

# Baptism

- Baptism is a public statement of faith, that is, baptism is a public way of giving testimony to the fact that you have chosen to follow Jesus Christ.
- While actions do speak louder than words, truthful words are always followed up with faithful actions.
- If a person is truly a follower of Jesus Christ they will not be ashamed of Him or of identifying with Him and His body, the Church.
- Baptism is a public statement of our faith in Christ.

# Baptism

- Matthew 10:32-33, “Therefore, everyone who will acknowledge Me before me, I will also acknowledge him before My Father in heaven. But whoever denies Me before me, I will also deny him before My Father in heaven.”

# Baptism

- Many people in our country are afraid to stand before the church and be baptized because they are shy or uncomfortable in front of people.
- For Christians in many parts of the world the stakes are much higher. Publically professing Jesus in some countries can cost a person their home, their job or even their life.
- As American Christians we should keep this in mind when we find ourselves shy or resistant about taking a public stand for Jesus.

# Baptism

- Finally, baptism is a perfect symbol of death, burial and resurrection. It symbolizes our death to our self, our burial or immersion in Christ, and our resurrection to walk in a new way of life.

# Baptism

- Romans 6:4
- “We are buried with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in a new way of life.” .

# Baptism

- Personal story.
- In Scripture, there is never an example of people delaying baptism.
- Once you believe in Christ and turn to him, there is no reason to wait to confess Jesus as your Lord through baptism.

# Baptism

Questions and testimonies

# Lord's Supper

- First, the bread is symbolic of the broken body of our Lord. Like the Passover lamb, Jesus, the Lamb of God, laid down His life as a sacrifice for sin. His body was broken, His hands and His feet, His side and His brow were pierced for us.
- Isaiah 53:5 “But He was pierced because of our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; punishment for our peace was on Him, and we are healed by His wounds.”

# Lord's Supper

- Each time we take the bread in the Lord's Supper we are reminded of the theological truth of **substitutionary atonement**.
- Jesus substituted His life for us.
- He laid His life down on the cross to pay the price for our sins.
- He died in our place.
- His body was broken so our broken souls could be healed.

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- Secondly, the cup is symbolic of the blood of the covenant.
- In Exodus 24 Moses began the covenant God made with Israel, he took the blood of the sacrifice and sprinkled half of it on the alter and the other half he sprinkled on the people.
- It was with the blood of the sacrifice that the covenant was sealed between God and His people.

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- His blood, shed on the cross, was poured out for the forgiveness of sins. With His blood He became the sacrifice for our sins, a sacrifice which was acceptable to God.
- When we take the cup we are remembering His shed blood, we are reflecting on the sacrifice He made for us.
- We are being reminded of the covenant between us and God, a covenant sealed with the blood of His only begotten Son. And being reminded of that covenant should have a sobering effect on our lives.

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- But there is a third thing which this calls us to remember, and that is that He is coming again to take us home.
- In 1 Corinthians 11:26
- “For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.”
- The Lord’s Supper reminds us not only that Jesus died for us, but that He will come again for us some day. It calls us to live each day in light of that final day.

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1 Corinthians 11:27-31 says, "Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy way will be guilty of sin against the body and blood of the Lord. So a man should examine himself; in this way he should eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For whoever eats and drinks without recognizing the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself."

# Lord's Supper

- Repentance
- Confession
- Brotherly love
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