

What Does the Bible Say About Baptism?—Part 3

I. Believer's Baptism is a Church O:

- a. A Church Ordinance is a "God ordained ceremony or rite"
- b. A Sacrament is "a means of God's grace"
- c. There are Three Biblical Criteria for a Church Ordinance:
 - i. **P** by Christ (Matt 28:19; cf. Matt 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25; Luke 22:17-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-26)
 - ii. **P** by the Apostles (Acts 2:38; cf. Acts 10:47-48; 1 Cor. 1:14-17; cf. 1 Cor. 10:21; 11:17-34)
 - iii. **P** by the Church (Acts 18:8; cf. Acts 2:41-42, 46; 8:12, 36-38; 9:18; 16:14-15, 33; 19:5; 20:7; Rom 6:3-4; Col. 2:12)

II. Believer's Baptism is an Outward S:

- a. There are NO saving powers in the Baptismal Waters!
 - i. We are saved by Grace Alone; through Faith Alone; in Christ Alone (cf. Eph. 2:8-9)
- b. Baptism is an outward symbol of the New Covenant in the same way circumcision was an outward symbol of the Old Covenant (cf. Col. 2:11-12)

III. Believers Baptism is an Act of O:

- a. Jesus never asked for Decisions; He demanded Disciples: "**Follow Me**" (Matt. 4:9-25; 8:18-22; 9:9; 10:37-39; 16:24; 19:16-30; 20:34; 27:55; Mark 1:17-20; 2:14-15; 4:10; 8:34; 9:41; 10:21, 28, 52; 15:41; Luke 5:11, 27-28; 9:23, 57-62; 18:22, 28, 43; John 1:40-43; 8:12; 10:1-27; 12:26; 21:19, 22)
- b. There is a one-time decision to Jesus' Call, but that must be followed up by a lifetime of decisions to be obedient (cf. Matt. 11:28-30)
- c. "**20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you...**" (Matt. 28:19-20)

IV. Believer's Baptism is a Double D:

- a. **A B** Declaration (cf. Rom. 10:9-10)
- b. **A C** Declaration (cf. Matt. 18:18)

V. Believer's Baptism is NOT a S Baptism:

- a. **Spirit Baptism** = the moment the Holy Spirit of God indwells a new Believer and places them into eternal union with Jesus Christ.
- b. **Both John the Baptist and Jesus Predicted Spirit Baptism** (Mark 1:8; cf. Matt. 3:11; Luke 3:16; John 1:33; Acts 1:5, 8)
- c. **Every Believer has Experienced Spirit Baptism** (cf. Rom. 6:4; 1 Cor. 12:13; 2 Cor. 1:21-22; Gal. 3:14; Eph 1:13; 4:5)
- d. **Spirit Baptism is NOT a "Second Blessing" or a "New Anointing"** (Rom. 8:9; cf. Eph. 1:13)
- e. **You Cannot Increase, Decrease, or Lose the Spirit's Baptism** (cf. 1 John 2:27)

VI. Testimonies: