

The Ordinances of the Church

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GETTING STARTED

What have been the most meaningful celebrations in your life? Why are they so meaningful?

OVERVIEW

Jesus commanded us to observe two celebrations that we call ordinances: baptism and the Lord's Supper. Our faith statement says that baptism is our "act of personal obedience and public declaration signifying [Christ's] death, burial, and resurrection to new life..." and the Lord's Supper is where we "remember Christ's death on the cross as our only hope of salvation."

DIG DEEPER

1. What impacted you most from the sermon this week?
2. **Read Matthew 28:19-20:** Why is baptism a part of making disciples?
 - What does baptism symbolize? *Why?*
 - What does baptism look *back* to, and why? (**See Romans 6:3-4**)
 - What does baptism look *forward* to, and why? (**See Romans 6:5-11**)
3. **Read Matthew 26:17-29:** What does the Lord's Supper symbolize? *Why?*
 - What does the Lord's Supper look *back* to, and why? (**See Exodus 12:1-14**)
 - What does the Lord's Supper look *forward* to, and why? (**See Revelation 19:6-9**)
4. Pastor Paul quoted a common phrase: "The Old Testament contains the New Testament concealed, and the New Testament contains the Old Testament revealed."
 - What does this mean? How does it apply to baptism and the Lord's Supper?

APPLY

5. How have memories of past celebrations shaped you currently?
6. Pastor Paul gave background to baptism (the *mikveh*) and the Lord's Supper (*Passover*):
 - Did this information help you see more meaning in the ordinances? *How?*
7. What do you remember about your own baptism? Does it affect your life now? *How?*
 - If you haven't been baptized: is anything keeping you from being baptized? *Why?*
8. What meaning does the Lord's Supper have for you?
 - Will this message/study change the way you approach the Lord's Supper? *How?*