


Ecclesiology
Session 46



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Areas of Systematic Theology

- Prolegomena – Introduction
- Theology – Study of God
- Christology – Study of Christ
- Pneumatology – Study of the Holy Spirit
- Anthropology – Study of Man
- Hamartiology – Study of sin
- Soteriology – Study of salvation
- Angelology – Study of angels
- **Ecclesiology – Study of the Church**
- Eschatology – Study of the end



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A. Foot Washing?

1. Scriptural support: John 13:5-7, 12-15
2. Not mandatory:
 - a. Epistles?
 - b. Example: John 13:15
 - c. Take some time to grasp: John 13:6-7

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B. Communion

1. Frequency? Acts 2:42, 46; 20:7
2. Self-examination? 1 Cor.11:27-31
3. Meaning?

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Communion Views

- Transubstantiation
- Consubstantiation
- **Memorial**

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Memorial


- Genesis 9:8-17
- Zwingli View
- Reformed, Presbyterian, Baptist
- Scriptural support – Luke 22:19; 1 Cor. 11:24, 26
- What are we remembering?



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What are We Remembering?

- Christ's past sacrifice (John 19:30)
- Present union with Christ (Rom. 6:3)
- Present union with all believers (1 Cor. 12:13)
- Christ's promise to return (1 Cor. 11:26)
- The basic facts of the Gospel (1 Cor. 11:24-25)



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Baptismal Regeneration?

- Salvation is not by works (Eph. 2:8-9)
- Thief on the cross (Luke 23:39-43)
- Paul's personal de-emphasis on baptism (1 Cor. 1:13-17)



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What Baptism Symbolizes


- Obedience to Christ's command (Matt. 28:19)
- Sharing in Christ's death, burial, resurrection, and ascension (Rom. 6:3)
- Holy Spirit's baptism (1 Cor. 12:13)
- Public identification with Christ's church and message
- Personal forgiveness of sins



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Miscellaneous Truths About Baptism

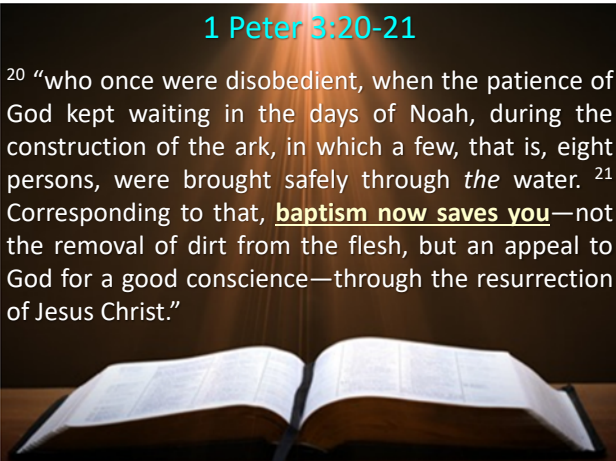
- For believers only
- Contributes nothing to justification
- Performed in public
- Contributes to sanctification (1 Pet. 3:20-21)



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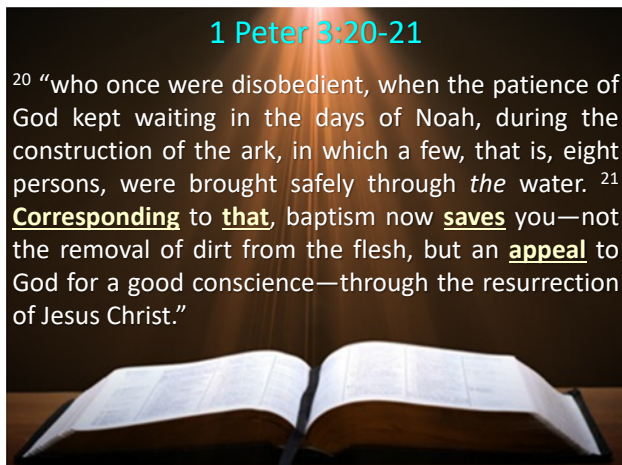
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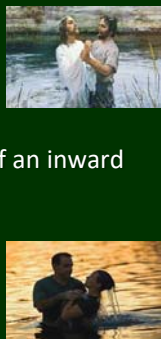
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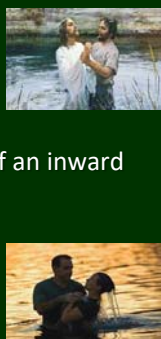
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Sprinkling or Immersion?

- Sprinkling? Other words (1 Pet. 1:12; 2 Tim. 4:6)
- Immersion?
 - ◆ Christ's baptism (Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:10)
 - ◆ Ethiopian eunuch's baptism (Acts 8:38-39)
 - ◆ Best symbolizes our union with Christ (Rom. 6:3)



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