

Lord's Supper & Baptism
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Understanding two important symbols that Jesus gave His Followers...

1. The Lord's Supper

Key Verses: Matthew 26:17-30, Mark 14:12-26, Luke 22:7-30, 1 Corinthians 11:23-33

What is it? – A brief ceremony where we remember the sacrifice Jesus made for us.

Who is it for? – Only those who have trusted Jesus for forgiveness of sin and eternal life.

When and how often do we take it? – Jesus never specifically said when or how often. Here at Ridgeview, we aim to observe the Lord's Supper quarterly.

How should I prepare myself for the Lord's Supper?

- Self-Examination 1 Corinthians 11:27-28
- Confessing My Sins 1 John 1:9
- Recommitment Romans 12:1
- Restoring relationships Matthew 5:23-24

2. Baptism

Key Verses: Matthew 3:16-17, 28:19-20, Mark 1:9-10, Romans 6:1-5, Acts 2:5-41, 8:12, 26-40, 9:18, 10:1-48

What is it? – A brief dramatic presentation that illustrates and symbolizes Jesus physical death, burial and resurrection. It's an outward expression of the inward change that has occurred when a person trusts Jesus. It also symbolizes...

- Washing away a past 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Consecration as a priest 1 Peter 2:9-10

Who is it for? – only those who have trusted Jesus for forgiveness of sin and eternal life.

Why do we baptize by immersion after someone trusts Jesus?

4 Reasons...

- The Greek word that we translate “to baptize” literally means, “to dip, plunge, or immerse.”
- **Jesus** was baptized that way!
- Immersion was the **only way** it was done in the New Testament
- Immersion best symbolized the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.

Why do we get baptized? – 3 Motives for baptism...

- To **confess** Jesus personally Romans 10:9
- To **obey** Jesus fully John 14:15, Matthew 28:19
- To **share** your faith in Jesus with others

When should I be baptized? – **as soon as** you have trusted Jesus for forgiveness of sin and eternal life.

Next Steps:

- Accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior for the first time!
- If you are a follower of Christ...
- Pray for an opportunity to share your faith journey with someone else this week.