

Baptism by Immersion and Communion- Outline

- Baptism by Immersion and Communion
 - Scripture as our guide
 - Both are acts of obedience
- The Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20)
 - Baptism as a direct command from Jesus
 - Jesus' example of baptism by immersion (Matthew 3:16)
- Symbolism of Baptism
 - Death, burial, and resurrection (Romans 6:4)
 - Dying to sin, buried with Christ, rising to new life
- Ordinance vs. Sacrament
 - Baptism and Communion as ordinances, not sacraments
 - Difference between ordinance and sacrament
 - Communion described in 1 Corinthians 11:23-25
- Salvation before Baptism
 - Ephesians 2:8-9: Salvation by grace through faith
 - Acts 8:36-38: Example of the Ethiopian Eunuch
- Importance of Baptism by Immersion
 - Biblical pattern and Greek word meaning
 - Best captures the imagery of dying to sin and rising to new life

- Baptism and Communion for Believers
 - Public profession and ongoing remembrance
 - 1 Corinthians 11:27-29: Taking communion in a worthy manner

- Application
 - Call to obedience for unbaptized believers
 - Approach both ordinances with reverence
 - Celebrate new life and examine hearts

- Conclusion
 - Baptism as a testimony of salvation
 - Communion as a reminder of Christ's love and sacrifice