



Forestburg Baptist Church

Living by Faith, Known by Love

iConnect: New Members' Class
Session Two: Ordinances

Baptism

1. Why be baptized by immersion.

- a. The Greek word βαπτίζω translated “baptize” means “_____”.

Matthew 3:16-17 “After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and lighting on Him, and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.’”

Acts 8:38-39 “And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; and the eunuch no longer saw him, but went on his way rejoicing.”

2. Who should be baptized?

- a. Every person who has _____ in Christ.

Acts 2:41 “So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.”

Acts 8:12 “When they believed Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being baptized, men and women alike.”

3. What should I wear when I am baptized?

- a. Please come fully dressed in the clothes you will be baptized in, and wear dark clothing that will not be clingy or sheer when wet.
- b. Bring a complete change of clothes (under and outer garments) to dress in after being baptized, and a bag to place your wet clothes in.

4. Will I have to say anything?

- a. No. Not if you do not want to. At the beginning of the service, Pastor will briefly explain the meaning of baptism. Pastor will then introduce you, briefly lower you just under the water, and then you go and dry off. Later you will be given a certificate of your baptism. We encourage you to invite all your relatives and friends to attend your baptism.

The Lord's Supper

1. It was not by coincidence that Jesus initiated Communion (also called the Lord's Supper) during the Passover meal. God instituted the Passover when He delivered Israel from 400 years of bondage in Egypt. The meal celebrated the death angel's passing over the houses where, by faith the doorpost and lintels had been smeared with lamb's blood (Exodus 12:12-13).

The Passover celebrated a temporary, physical deliverance. Jesus now establishes the celebration of a permanent and spiritual deliverance reminding us of His cross.

2. What is the Lord's Supper? (1 Corinthians 11:23-26)
 - a. It is a _____ . (verse 24)
 - b. It is a _____ . (verse 25)
 - c. It is a _____ . (verse 26)

3. How do I prepare myself for the Lord's Supper?

Self-Examination
1 Corinthians 11:27

Confession of Sin
1 John 1:9-10

Recommitment
Romans 12:1-2

Restoring Relationships
Matthew 5:23-24

1 Corinthians 11:27-28 "Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup."

4. When and how often should we observe the Lord's Supper?
 - a. Jesus never said when or how often believers should observe the Lord's Supper. Here at Forestburg Baptist Church we observe the Lord's Supper at least once a quarter. We seek to use it as witness to the nonbeliever as well as a means of renewing our commitment and communion with our heavenly Father.

We need to ask ourselves these questions:

Have we surrendered our life to the Lordship of Christ?

Are we willing to obey God as we continue to grow in our understanding?

Have we been baptized since our profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ?