

The Two “Picture Practices” Jesus Gave for Us Today – Picture #1

Sacrament versus Ordinance

Sacrament – A religious act which relays grace on those who receive it. *You do so to get something from God, either for salvation or spiritual growth*

Ordinance – A command or order. *You do so to obey God; the benefit is in the declaration or the reminder, not from the act itself.*

PICTURE #1: BAPTISM

A. What Baptism WON'T Do for Me:

1. **Baptism WON'T help me get saved, take away sins, make me right with God, or get me to heaven**

Mark 16:16 “believe and be baptized = saved,” but “not believing” condemns

Acts 2:38 (Mt 12:41) *repent and be baptized [on account of] the remission of sins*

Paul (1 Cor 1:13-17) – *Paul was glad he did not baptize more people than he did*

Order: *The consistent order in the Bible is: Believe, then be baptized.*

2. **Baptism WON'T give me some mystical blessing from God.**

B. Why Should I Be Baptized?

1. **To obey Jesus' _____ to do so.**

Matt 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

2. **To show others of my belief in Jesus Christ as my _____.**

Rom 6:3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

Col 2:12 buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

Acts 8:36-38

3. **To show others my commitment to Jesus Christ as my _____.**

Rom 6:1-4 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. (*see through v.17*)

Gal 3:27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

1 Pet 3:21 There is also an antitype which now saves us--baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

4. **To follow the _____ of believers since the Church's beginning.**

Acts 2:41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

Acts 8:12 But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized.

Acts 8:36-38 Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him.

Acts 16:14-15 Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul. And when she and her household were baptized, she begged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." So she persuaded us.

Acts 16:30-34 And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

Acts 18:8 Then Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his household. And many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized.

5. **To _____ an example of others to openly follow Jesus.**

Phil 3:17 Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.

1 Thes 1:6 And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Spirit,

2 Thes 3:9 not because we do not have authority, but to make ourselves an example of how you should follow us.

2 Tim 3:10 But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance,

Heb 13:7 Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct.