

Major Event: The Church

Lesson 10: Ordinances in the Church

Central Texts: Luke 22:1-20 (The Lord's Table); Matthew 28:16-20

Suggested Subjects for Teacher to Cover:

The Lord's Table

- The Lord's Table was instituted at the Last Supper when Jesus celebrated the Passover with His disciples (Lk 22:1-20).
- The Lord's Table is an important part of worship in the church age and is to be regularly celebrated as a remembrance of what Christ has done for us on the cross as we wait for His return for us in the future (1 Cor. 11:23-26).
- The Lord's Table is to be received by the believer as he walks in fellowship with God (1 Cor. 11:27-31).
- The Lord's Table is also for believers only and is a post-salvation expression of worship of Christ who received our sins in His own body on the cross (represented by the bread) and His work on the cross that provided for our redemption (the new covenant in His blood represented by the cup).

Water Baptism

The Greek word for "baptize" is the word **βαπτίζω**, which means to dip, immerse, or baptize. The word **βάπτω** means to dip, sink, or immerse. When studied in its different contexts, the word "baptism" has the underlying nuance of "identification."

- Jesus approved of His disciples baptizing (John 4:1-2).
- Jesus commanded that believers be baptized (Matthew 28:16-20).
- The early church placed an importance on baptism (Acts 2:38, 41; 8:12-13, 36, 38; 9:18; 10:47-48; 16:15, 33; 18:8; 19:5).

Emphasize that participation in the Lord's Table or water baptism is **NOT** a means of salvation.

- Salvation is through faith alone in Christ alone and is not of works.
- John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."
- Ephesians 2:8-9 "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast."
- Titus 3:5 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,
- Water baptism is a ritual to be performed, not FOR salvation, but AFTER salvation. Water baptism is a post-salvation ordinance for the person who has already put their faith in Christ, and is a ritual that publicly demonstrates a believer's spiritual identification with Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection as a permanent member of Christ's body.
- As persons who have been spiritually baptized by means of the Holy Spirit into the body of Christ, which water baptism symbolizes, we now have a responsibility to walk in the newness of life (Rom 6:1-4).

Suggested Attributes and Characteristics of God:

Humility- Even though God is above all, He still sent His Son to serve us (John 13:1-17). Therefore, we should serve one another even if we are not a deacon in the church.

Suggested Reading for Children at Home:

Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:5; Romans 6:1-4