

# Are Baptism and Communion Important?

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### I. Introduction

- A. A “sacrament” is something that’s , but God uses it to make it a vehicle for what is .
- B.  engaged in both water baptism and communion! And then He commanded  to practice them also!
- C. For 2,000 years, Christians have practiced these sacraments at  .

### II. The Sacrament of Water Baptism

- A. What is the  of water baptism?
1. Matthew 28:19 (NAS) *“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.”*
- B. How much  is needed for water baptism?
1. It is  who cleanses us!
  2. “Baptidzo” – – “to dip, to ”
- C. Is baptism a  of getting into  when I die?
1. We receive the guarantee of going to heaven by   our lives to Jesus!
- D. Is baptism only for  followers of Jesus, or is it also for .
1. Water baptism is an  expression of an  decision to follow Jesus Christ.
- E. Can I still get into  if I’ve  been water baptized?
1. Our next water baptism is going to be August 13-14. (Take our water baptism class on our website and then sign up to be water baptized!)

### III. The Sacrament of Communion

- A. I Corinthians 11:27 (NLT) *So anyone who eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord unworthily is guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.*
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  2. The “” theology of communion
- B. Jesus, who is always present, at all times and in all places, is present in a very   when we partake in communion!
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  2. There’s no record of Jesus ever having been a “host” at a meal, except when He shared this last   with His friends.
  3. In I Corinthians 11, Paul calls communion, “The Lord’s .”
- C. Luke 22:19-20 (NLT) <sup>19</sup>*He took some bread and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the*

disciples, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."<sup>20</sup> After supper he took another cup of wine and said, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you."

1. We forget  so many times every day!

D. In the Bible, when you "remember" something, if you do it right, what was  at an earlier time becomes  once again!

1. You also take time to remember what Jesus has done in  !

2. The only prerequisite for receiving communion is that you admit that you need the  of Jesus in your life.

#### IV. Conclusion