

Disciples Church

Lesson 71: Wednesday Feb 22, 2017

**HANDOUT**

**Q111. What is *baptism*?**

Baptism is a holy, New Covenant ordinance from our Lord Jesus, whereby a professing believer in Jesus Christ testifies of their faith in Christ alone for salvation and their union with Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection by the public testimony of immersion in water in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Baptism is to be done once and in no way contributes to one’s salvation.

1. What is the significance of Baptism being a “New Covenant” ordinance?
2. Why does it matter who gave this ordinance? Does the fact that baptism, “symbolizes Christ’s work in salvation for the elect” matter when it comes to the giver of this ordinance?
3. What are believers doing when they get baptized? Why does it matter that they are “professing believers”?
4. Read Romans 6:1-11. Break down the steps of baptism and discuss how they relate to the work of Jesus. Example; lowered into water (Christ buried).
5. Why do we practice full “immersion” when we perform baptism?
6. What roles do the Father, Son, and Spirit play in salvation? Why do we baptize in the name of each person of the triune godhead?
7. Why is Baptism done only “once”? Have you been baptized more than once, and if so why?
8. What is the difference between descriptive texts and prescriptive texts? Read Eph. 2:1-10. Is this descriptive or prescriptive?
9. What is Paedobaptism and why don’t we practice it here at Disciples church?
10. What are the main differences between Paedobaptism and Credobaptism? If you were baptized as a baby but not as a believer, should you be baptized again?
11. What are the different areas of grace that we see in the ordinance of Baptism? Why is it such a blessing to believers to practice this ordinance?
12. If you are a believer, have you been baptized? Why or why not? What’s keeping you from obedience to this ordinance?

If you like to be baptized and are a professing believer or if you’d like to talk more about this topic, please reach out to one of the leaders and let us come along side of you to dig in!