

Week 40: Baptism and the Lord's Supper

Scripture Reading:

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:" - Matthew 28:19

Opening Prayer:

Give thanks for the clear command and example Jesus set regarding baptism and the Lord's Supper and for the privilege of participating in these sacraments.

Devotional:

Christian baptism is when a believer is fully immersed in water in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It's a special way to show our belief in Jesus, who died, was buried, and then rose again. This act symbolizes leaving behind our wrongdoings and starting a fresh, good life. Before you can join the church or take part in the Lord's Supper, you need to be baptized. The Lord's Supper is when church members eat bread and drink wine to remember Jesus' love and sacrifice. But before doing this, everyone should seriously think about their actions and feelings.

Discussion:

1. How does Jesus' command in Matthew 28:19 emphasize the importance of baptism in the life of a believer?
2. In what ways does the Lord's Supper remind us of the depth of Christ's love and sacrifice? (1 Corinthians 11:24-25)
3. Discuss the significance of partaking in these sacraments in the company of fellow believers. How do they foster unity within the church? (1 Corinthians 10:17)

Closing Prayer:

Seek God's guidance in consistently remembering and honoring the significance of baptism and the Lord's Supper. Pray for continued growth in understanding and reverence for these sacred practices.