

WHAT IS CHURCH?

TO DUNK OR NOT TO DUNK: IS INFANT BAPTISM RIGHT OR WRONG?

Introduction: Jesus Implemented Two Ordinances for the Church

- ❖ Communion
 - Communion Instituted – *Matthew 26:26-29*
 - Communion Explained – *1 Corinthians 11:23-26*
 - Communion Errors – *1 Corinthians 11:27-28 (unbelievers), John 6:35-58 (transubstantiation)*
- ❖ Baptism
 - Two Major Errors
 - Giving baptism a place in salvation
 - Infant baptism (paedobaptism)

I. The Infant Baptism Argument

- ❖ The Relationship between the Church & Israel
- ❖ Romans 4:11
- ❖ Colossians 2:12-13
- ❖ Household Baptism Texts

II. The Infant Baptism Critique

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Other Issues with Infant Baptism:

- 1) Every New Testament command and instance of baptism is preceded by faith
- 2) There are no examples (commands or instances) or textual indications (explicit or implicit) of infant baptism in Scripture
- 3) It confuses salvation by grace alone through faith alone
- 4) It undermines the true meaning and beauty of baptism
- 5) Every NT example of baptism is by full immersion

III. The Similarities & Differences of Circumcision & Baptism

- ❖ Circumcision in the Old Testament was a Sign
- ❖ Baptism in the New Testament is a Sign

Conclusion:

- Believers, and only believers, must be baptized after salvation.
- God's glory is at stake in how the church does communion and baptism. Therefore, it is crucially important to get them right and worship Him in the manner that He has prescribed.

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