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LESSON 63: ORDINANCES OF THE CHURCH

I. What are ordinances

A. Ordinance – A rite and/or ritual given by Jesus to the church

B. Baptism – DRBC Statement of Faith:

“We believe that Baptism in water is the delightful duty of all believers upon their profession of faith. Baptism is to be done by immersion, into the name of the Father, and Son, and Holy Spirit; to show forth our faith in the crucified, buried, and risen Savior in a solemn and beautiful symbol. Baptism symbolizes our death to sin and resurrection to a new life and is a response to the command of Christ. Baptism is performed once, upon one’s profession of faith, and is required for church membership.”

C. Lord’s Supper – DRBC Statement of Faith:

“The Lord’s Supper is a commemoration of Christ’s dying love through the sacred use of bread and the fruit of the vine. This time of remembrance should be taken by baptized believers and members in good standing with a Gospel-preaching local church who prepare for the meal with self-examination to ensure holiness before God and unity with the church. The Lord’s Supper is performed regularly at the discretion of each local church.”

II. Baptism – “An outward sign of obedience in response to an inward work of salvation”

A. Why is Baptism important?

B. A Symbol - Romans 6:8

C. A Testimony - Colossians 2:11-12

D. A Means of Grace

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III. Lord's Supper

A. What is it? - 1 Corinthians 11:24-26

B. What is happening - 1 Corinthians 10:17

C. Different positions on the Lord's Supper

IV. Discussion