

Barn Essential Beliefs Series:

Part 14

# The Big Three: Ordinances of the Church

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# The Barn's Statement of Essential Beliefs

*We believe... that God has placed in the church  
certain practices and ordinances:*

- 1) Laying on of hands...*
- 2) Baptisms... into the Body (by the Holy Spirit);  
in water (by believers in Christ);  
in the Holy Spirit (by Jesus)*
- 3) The Lord's Supper*

# God-ordained and Spirit Empowered

Heb. 6:1-2 The laying on of hands and the doctrine of baptisms are fundamental teachings of Christ.

Luke 22:19; 1 Cor. 11:24 The Lord's supper was ordained by and is commanded by Jesus.

# Laying on of Hands:

## Old Testament Biblical Examples

Blessing: Jacob laid hands in blessing on Joseph's sons;  
Gen. 48:14, 20

Consecration: Moses consecrated the priests and altar;  
Ex. 29:1, 4, 5, 21, 24

Impartation: Priests laid hands on animals to be sacrificed;  
Ex. 29:15; Lev. 1:1,

4/16:21

Healing: Old Test. priests' cleansing of lepers; Lev. 14:14;

# Laying on of Hands:

## New Testament Biblical Examples

Blessing: Jesus blessing children; Luke 18:16; Matt. 19:13

Consecration: Paul and Barnabas at Antioch; Acts 13:1-3

Ordination: Apostles ordain deacons; Acts 6:5-6; | Tim. 5:22

Impartation: Paul and elders impart spiritual gifts; | Tim. 4:14

In-Filling of the Holy Spirit: disciples; Acts 8:17/9:17/19:6

Healing: Jesus & the Apostles; Luke 4:40; Mk. 16:15, 18;

Acts 19:11-12/28:8; etc.



# Biblical Teachings on Baptisms:

The Greek "*bap-tid'-zo*": to immerse, dip, plunge, whelm,  
corresponds to washings in the Old Testament.  
We are "buried" with Christ in baptism. Col. 2:12

Old & New Testament References: Sea & Cloud ~ Ex. 14/Ps.78:13/1 Cor. 10:1-2;

Water baptism of repentance/preparation by John the Baptist ~ Matt. 3:11;  
John 1:19-28, 31/3:23, 25

Water baptism by Jesus ~ John 3:26; John 4:1

Baptism into the Body of Christ by the Holy Spirit ~ 1 Cor. 12:13; Rom. 6:3-11

Baptism in the Holy Spirit by Jesus ~ Jn. 1:33; Matt. 3:11; Acts 1:5

Baptism in water by believers ~ Mark 16:16; Matt. 28:19; Acts 2:38/8:12

# Biblical background on The Lord's Supper:

God remembered His Covenant with Abraham and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage. Exodus 2:24

In the final judgment on Egypt, God instituted the Passover and established the sacrifice and covenant meal (seder) as a remembrance and a perpetual feast.

Exodus 12:1-27; Psalm 105:37, 43;

Matt. 26:2; Mark 14:1, 12; John 13:1

After their covenant renewal meal and their deliverance from Egypt, Israel was baptized in the Cloud and in the Red Sea. | Cor. 10:1-2

In a figure, the "old" "slave Jacob" died and was "buried" in the Red Sea and the "new" "free Israel" was raised to new life in God. (c.f., Col. 2:12)

# The Passover and The Lord's Supper:

All of these things are types and shadows (1 Cor. 10:11),  
examples for us of three essential spiritual realities:

- 1) new birth/new creation/entering the Body of Christ
- 2) immersion/baptism in the Holy Spirit of the Living God
- 3) baptism in water as an outer sign of an inward grace

Jesus said, "I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer... This [bread] is my body...given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me. This cup...poured out for you is the New Covenant in My blood..." Luke 22:15, 19-20

# The Apostle Paul's Revelation:

*The type was in Moses and the fulfillment is in Christ!*

*The explanation from Paul's first letter to Corinth:*

“...all our fathers were under the Cloud and all passed through the sea,  
and were all baptized into Moses in the Cloud and in the sea,  
and all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink,  
for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them,  
and the Rock was Christ!”                      1 Corinthians 10:1-6

“For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you,  
that the Lord Jesus, in the night that He was betrayed, took bread.  
And when He had given thanks, He broke it and said,  
‘This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me.’”

“In the same way, He took the cup also...saying,  
‘This cup is the New Covenant in my blood; do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.’  
For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.”  
1 Corinthians 11:23-26

# The meaning of The Lord's Supper:

Having fulfilled the reality that the Passover Feast pointed to, Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper as:

a mini-seder,

as the Covenant Meal of the New, Everlasting Covenant,

as a perpetual remembrance of His sacrifice and death,

as a time to present our bodies as living sacrifices,

as a time to recognize that we have died with Him;

nevertheless, we live in Him as One Body, One Family

until His return at the Great Resurrection.

# Who should receive The Lord's Supper?

Like baptism, receiving the Lord's Supper is an act of faith.

However, communion is a collective act of faith.

It is a spiritual meal for the Christian faith community.

God's table is for God's family.

The Covenant Meal is for those who have believed on Jesus,  
have received Him, and have confessed Jesus as LORD!

The meaning of "open communion" at the Barn:

any believer who is prepared to receive in a worthy manner.

# In what attitude of heart should one receive The Lord's Supper?

“...let a man examine himself...”

*[i.e., in humility, contrition, and repentance; Psalm 51:1, 10, 12, 17, etc.]*

...and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup...”

1 Corinthians 11:28

King David wrote Psalm 51 after his sin with Bathsheba.

He understood that **FIRST**, the heart attitude must be right.

Only **THEN**, can God receive our sacrifices. Psalm 51:10, 16-17, 19

Jesus taught, before you make your offering, **FIRST** be reconciled to your brother. Matt. 5:24

Before we present our bodies as living sacrifices at the communion table  
and eat and drink the death of the Lord,

we must **FIRST** examine our hearts, judge ourselves, and repent of our sins and failures.

# Paul's Warning in receiving The Lord's Supper:

“Whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord... for he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly.

For this reason, many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep [in premature death].

But if we judged ourselves rightly, we would not be judged...  
...we are disciplined by the Lord in order that we may not be condemned with the world. So...my brothers...wait for one another.”

1 Cor. 11:27-33



# Positive Effects and Benefits

## Of receiving The Lord's Supper:

In celebrating the Lord's Supper together, we can:

- experience spiritual communion and fellowship with God,
- grow in appreciation of one another as the Lord's Body,
- feel joyous bliss and deep peace in the presence of the Lord,
- receive healing for our bodies,
- receive forgiveness of our sins,
- receive cleansing of our hearts and minds,
- receive indescribable spiritual blessings and graces!

*God has instituted  
these three ordinances  
in the church  
for our mutual benefit  
and blessing!*

# Conclusion and Segue to Worship