

Elgin Evangelical Free Church - May 7, 2023

Matthew 28:19-20; 1 Corinthians 10:15-17

## I. BAPTISM?

A. Baptizo –to put into, to identify with, to submerge, to immerse, or to be placed in union with.

B. In Greek culture – the baptism of cloth and spears changed their identity.

## II. SPIRITUAL BAPTISM?

A. This happened the moment you trusted Christ.

B. It is a once for all transaction.
III. PRACTICAL BAPTISM?
A. The Call to Baptize
B. The Clarity of Baptism
1. It does NOT save you
2. It does NOT make you "more spiritual."
3. It is NOT the Gospel.
4. It IS a public illustration.
5. It IS a public declaration.
IV. COMMUNION? - I Cor. 10:15-17

A. Acknowledging our Identification with Christ.

B. Recognizing our Unity with the Body.

C. Reminding us of our connection with the Body of Christ on Earth and HEAVEN

Life Group Questions
May 7, 2023
Baptism & Communion

Baptism – Matthew 28:19-20

- 1. What are the various methods of baptism in churches? What has been your experience with these methods?
- 2. Read Matthew 28:19-20. What is the command in these verses?
- 3. According to Jesus, what are the ways we will "make disciples"?
- 4. From Sunday's message, what does the word "baptizo" mean?
- 5. If you were clarifying the meaning of baptism to someone, what would you say it does not mean and what does it mean?

Communion – 1 Corinthians 10:15-17

- 6. What are the various ways you have seen communion practiced by churches?
- 7. Recalling Sunday's message, what is the overarching meaning of communion?
- 8. Read 1 Corinthians 10:15-17. What do you learn about communion from these verses?
- 9. How do you understand the idea of "sharing in the blood of Christ" and "sharing in the body of Christ" as part of Communion?

10. Thinking through the communion services you have attended, what do you like or enjoy about a communion service?

Personal: Share with the group about your baptism or a special communion service you attended.