

Thinking Deeply

Baptism

INTRO: *Virtually all Christian churches practice the rite of baptism. It is almost universally agreed that baptism is in some way connected with the beginning of the Christian life. But various and contrary views exist and need to be examined. Therefore we will THINK DEEPLY about baptism.*

I. Jesus commanded His disciples to _____.

The Great Commission includes baptism as a second step in disciple-making and is not a suggestion. Can there be disciples w/o baptism?

II. Many people have _____ ideas about baptism.

These views can be found among Believers. Differences include purpose, practice, and mode.

III. Accept and obediently _____ what the _____

teaches about baptism. *There are at least three things about baptism that answer the unbiblical views mentioned above.*

A. _____.

*An **ordinance** is a sacred act **prescribed** by the Lord, **practiced** in the early church, and **expounded** by the Apostles.*

B. _____.

*The **primary** meaning of the Greek word translated baptism is **immersion**. The **secondary** meaning is **identification**.*

C. _____.

*A **profession of faith** is a statement of **Belief**, and belief is the **ONLY** prerequisite for salvation.*