

***Baptism*** is an outward expression of an inward faith that is performed through full immersion in water.

**[ *Jesus to His disciples* ]** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, ***BAPTIZING*** them in the name of the **Father** and of the **Son** and of the **Holy Spirit**,  
**[ *Interjections in brackets* ] Matthew 28:19 NKJV**

Baptism is a symbol of **Jesus's death** and **burial** ( **going under** the *water* ) and **His resurrection** ( **coming up from** the *water* ).

The Bible does not give us a detailed description of how baptism is practiced because it was common knowledge when the Bible was written and did not need to be explained. But we do know...

Now **John** also was **baptizing** in *Aenon* near *Salim*, because there was **much water** there. And they came and were baptized. **[ *much water is needed to go fully under the water.* ]**  
**[ *Interjections in brackets* ] John 3:23 NKJV**

**Baptism is NOT necessary** in order to be saved. We wanted to make sure that you would know what baptism is so that no one could ever deceive you about it.

**So, if anyone tells you that if you have not been baptized, then you are not saved, that is a LIE.**

**It truly IS NOT NECESSARY.**

**When Jesus died** on the cross,  
**a thief** was also **hung next to Him.**

The thief asked Jesus to save him,  
*and Jesus did.* **The thief died and he was not baptized.**

Then he said to Jesus, "**Lord, remember me** when You come into Your kingdom."

And **Jesus said to him**, "Assuredly, I say to you, **today you will be with Me in Paradise** [ *Heaven* ]."

[ *Interjections in brackets* ] **Luke 23:42-43 NKJV**

## ***Communion or the Lord's Supper***

Is the act of worship that involves **eating bread** [ or a small cracker ] and **drinking** *wine* which is usually substituted with **grape juice**.

It is typically practiced at least **once a month**.

The Lord's Supper is one of the **central acts of worship** in the *Christian Church*.

It is **based on the specific command of Jesus to His disciples** on the night on which He was betrayed.

**Before we continue** with the description of *how this is done and why*, first let us assure you that **it is NOT required** in order for you **to be saved** and if you do not do this, **it is OK**.

[ *Interjections in brackets* ] **1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

[ *the **Apostle Paul**, in a letter to the newly formed church in Corinth* ] For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: *that* **the Lord Jesus** on the *same* night in which He was betrayed **took bread**; and **when He had given thanks** [ *to God the Father* ], **He broke it** and **said**, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; **do this in remembrance of Me.**"

In the same manner **He also took the cup** after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, 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 till He comes.

**1 Corinthians 11:23-26 NKJV**

[ *see also Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-25, and Luke 22:14-20* ]

In doing that, **Jesus established** a practice, which **has been *continued* ever since** by *His followers*.

*Again*, **communion is NOT necessary** to be **saved**. Do not let anyone tell you that it must be **practiced**.

If **you** are able to **follow** the instructions, **prayerfully** and with the **necessary** supplies, then there is **nothing** wrong with **doing so**.

What **you will need** for each person: a **small** piece of bread or **cracker**; and a **sip** of wine or **grape juice**.

**Note:** Some people like to take a **personal moment to silently confess** and ask forgiveness for any sins they may have committed since the previous time they **confessed their sins to Jesus** before they partake of *the Lord's Supper*.

**It is not a Biblical requirement** to do that, **but it does not hurt either**.

**Instructions** for the person **leading**  
the **Communion**:

**Lead the participants in a prayer**  
( thanking God and asking for His  
**blessing on the group** ).

If desired, have a **moment** to silently confess  
anything to **God** or for a **personal prayer**.

**Read** one of the passages of scripture  
previously mentioned *up to the point*  
*of eating the bread*, **eat the bread**.  
**Instruct** everyone that it should  
be done at the **same time**.

**Read** the remaining part about *passing*  
and **drinking** the wine and **instruct**  
everyone participating to *drink it together*,  
**drink** the wine *OR* **grape juice**.

Note.: a **single cup** was passed around  
in the early church. **Individual cups**  
are now used. **Either way** is ok to do.

As you should in all things, *glorify God*.

**That is all**. Keep it *Simple*.