

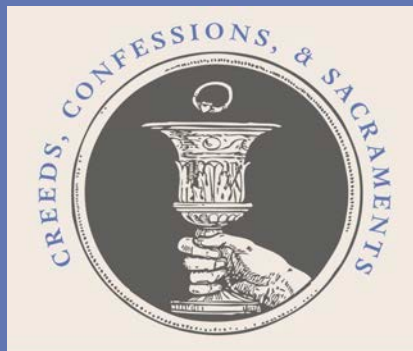


*Historical Christianity,  
Contemporary Faith*



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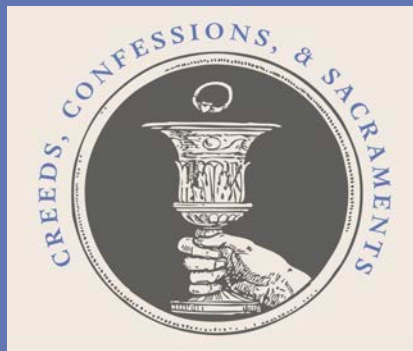
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# Creeds, Confessions, and Sacraments

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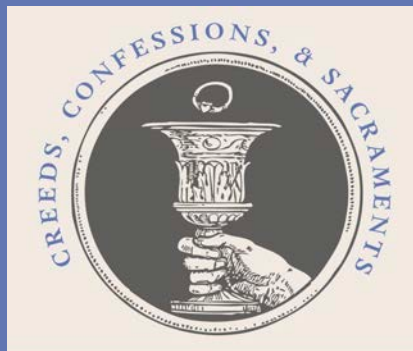
To gain a deeper understanding  
and appreciation for the origins,  
views, and significance of these  
distinctly "Christian" practices ...



# Creeds, Confessions, and Sacraments

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... in order to grow in personal  
worship and be equipped for  
opportunities of gospel sharing.



# Creeds, Confessions, and Sacraments

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Week 1: Creeds & Confessions

Week 2: Sacraments – Communion

Week 3: Sacraments – Baptism



# Week 1 & 2 Follow-up

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- Communion – Real Presence (John 6:52-58)
- Communion Tokens







# Week 1 & 2 Follow-up

- Intinction
- Common Cup
- Middle Practice





# Week 1 & 2 Follow-up

- Memorial





# The Observance of Baptism

April 25, 2021 (Week 3 of 3) \* 10:45AM Community Room / Livestream

# Baptism (NT)

***“Baptizo”*** – To immerse,  
to plunge, to wash, to  
cleanse, to bathe

# Baptism (Septuagint)

***“Baptizo”*** – To dip, to bathe, to drench, to be overwhelmed

# Baptism: Origin

**Elephant in the Room ...**

***What was John the Baptizer  
doing at the Jordan River?***

# Baptism: Origin

Pagan Ceremonial Washing  
OT Ritual Purification  
Confessional Rite of Purity  
Baptism of Repentance

# Baptism: Origin

*And he (John) went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, ...*

*- Luke 3:3*

# Baptism: Origin

*And Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus.”*

**- Acts 19:4**

# Baptism: Origin

*“Baptism set in motion what it symbolized, thus making it a crucial rite, one in which faith and repentance were “coessential.”*

- Augustine

# Baptism: Origin

**Jesus Submitted – Matt. 3:13**

**Jesus Commanded – Matt. 28:19**

**Luke Recorded – Acts 9:17-18**

**Paul Writes – 1 Cor. 1:14-17**

# Baptism: Origin

**Jesus – AD 250:**

**Universally Present**

**Universally in Water**

**Universally “in Jesus / Trinity”**

**Universally Church Initiation**

# Baptism: Origin

**Jesus – AD 250:**

**Infant – Child – Adult**

**Immediate – Delayed**

**Immersion – Pouring**

**Great Flexibility / Little Strife**

# Baptism: Origin

**AD 250 – AD 1517:**

**Primarily Infant Baptism**

**Initially Mixed Theology ...**

**Eventually Heavy Regeneration**

**Post-Reformation = 3 Views**

# Baptism: Views



**Infant Paedo-Baptism  
Regenerative Grace**

**Infant Paedo-Baptism  
Covenant Sign**

# Baptism: Views



**Adult Credo-Baptism**  
**Symbolic Act**

# Paedo-Baptism (#1)

**Roman Catholic / Orthodox  
/ Church of Christ  
Emphasis on Original Sin**

# Catechism of the Catholic Church

Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit (*vitae spiritualis ianua*), and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: "Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word."

# Paedo-Baptism (#1)

**Roman Catholic / Orthodox  
/ Church of Christ  
Emphasis on Original Sin  
One Christian Baptism**

# Paedo-Baptism (#2)

Reformed, Methodist,  
Presbyterian, Lutheran,  
Anglican, Moravian  
Luther vs. Reformers

# Paedo-Baptism (#2)

Covenant Theology

Sign of the Promise

Set Apart / Consecrate

Parent(s) – 1 Cor. 7:12-16

# Paedo-Baptism (#2)

**Biblical / Early Church Basis**

**4/12, "Oikos" Baptisms**

**Acts 16:14-15, 33, 1 Cor. 1:16**

**The Promise – Acts 2:39**

# Paedo-Baptism (#2)

**Early Church – No Recorded  
Debates or Protests**

**AD 180 – Irenaeus**

**AD 225 – Hippolytus of Rome**

# Credo-Baptism

**Ana-Baptist (re-baptizers),  
Baptist, Non-Denomination  
"Believer's" Baptism  
Profession of Faith**

# Credo-Baptism

**Immersion**

**Symbolic of Christ & Faith**

**Testimony to Resurrection**

**Ordinance = Membership**

# Credo-Baptism

**Biblical / Early Church Basis**

**Didache**

**Matt. 3:13-17, 28:19-20**

**Acts 8:35-39**

# Baptism

The background of the slide features a serene blue sky with scattered white clouds. Below the sky, a calm body of water is shown with concentric ripples emanating from a point where a drop of water has just fallen. The overall color palette is dominated by various shades of blue, with white for the clouds and the text outlines.

Significance

# Approaching Baptism

**Non-Essential (Liberty)\***

**Extremely Important: Biblical  
Obedience, Testimony, Sign &  
Seal Sacrament, Initiation  
into the Visible Church**

# Approaching Baptism

**One Baptism (Eph. 4:5)  
Counseling & Assurance  
Apostles Creed Belief  
Celebrate & Remember**

# Additional Resources

**“Cassette Tape” on Baptism  
Pastor Beaty Teaching**



# Additional Resources

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# DISCOVER

RIVER OAKS



# Missional Parenting

June 6, 13, 20 @ 10:45AM | Community Room & Livestream



**July – Off**  
**August - TBD**

# ROMANS REBOOT

September 12, 19, 26 @ 10:45AM  
Community Room & Livestream

OCTOBER 2021

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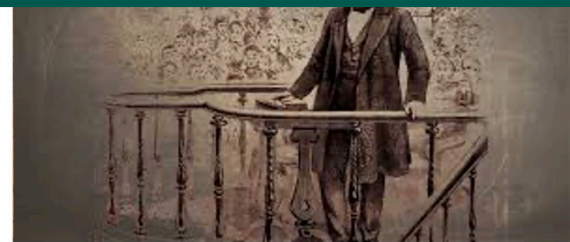


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## **Advent / Christmas**

November





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