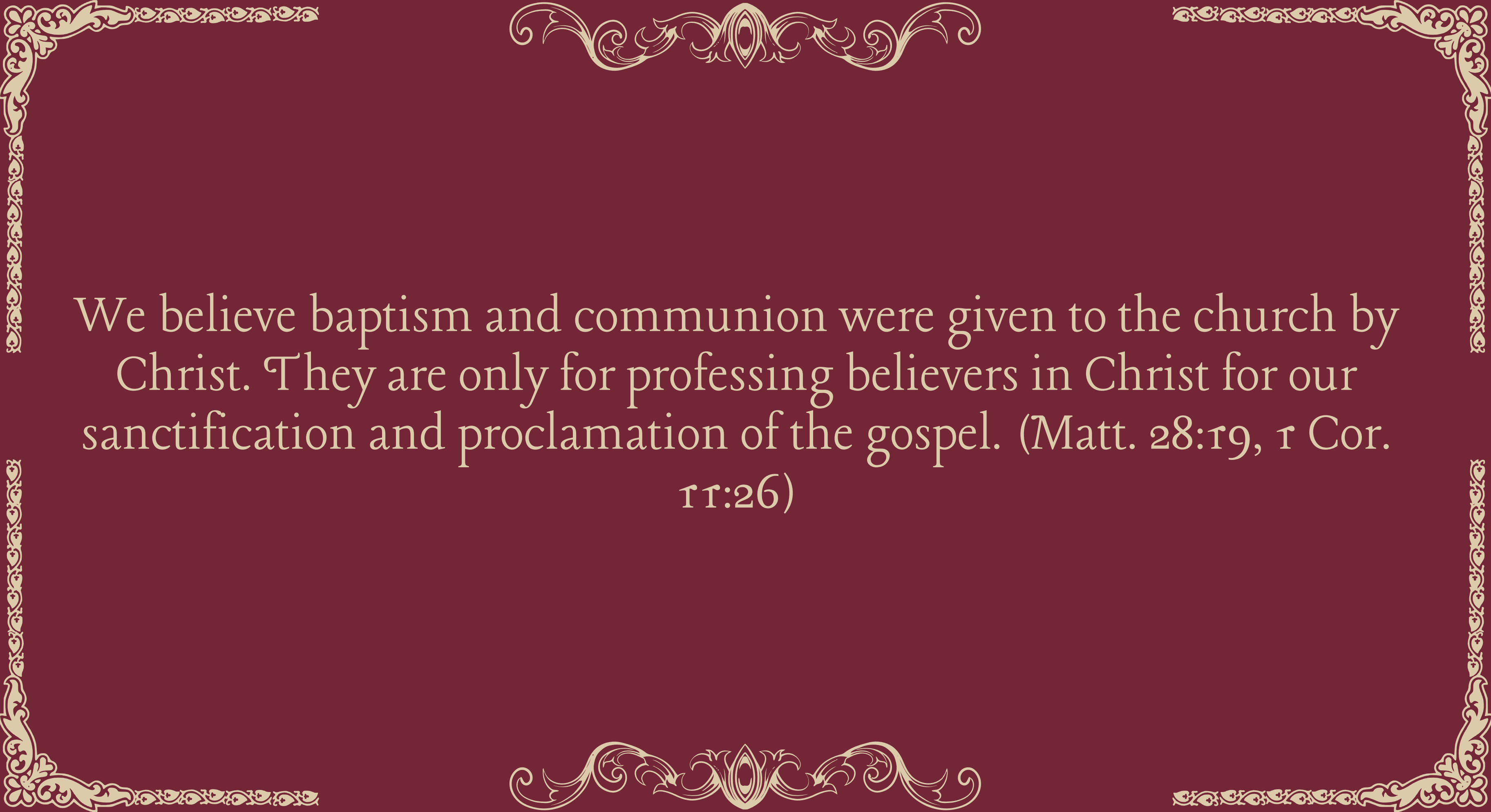




BAPTISM



We believe baptism and communion were given to the church by Christ. They are only for professing believers in Christ for our sanctification and proclamation of the gospel. (Matt. 28:19, 1 Cor. 11:26)



INTRODUCTION

- Two primary options
- Credobaptism
- Paedobaptism

CREDOBAPTISM



- Professing believers only
- Primary biblical model
- Reemerges in the 17th century
- Symbolic of Christ's death

PAEDOBAPTISM

- Professing believers and their children
- Households baptized
- Children are a part of covenant
- Primary historical practice
- Symbolic of washing





OTHER QUESTIONS

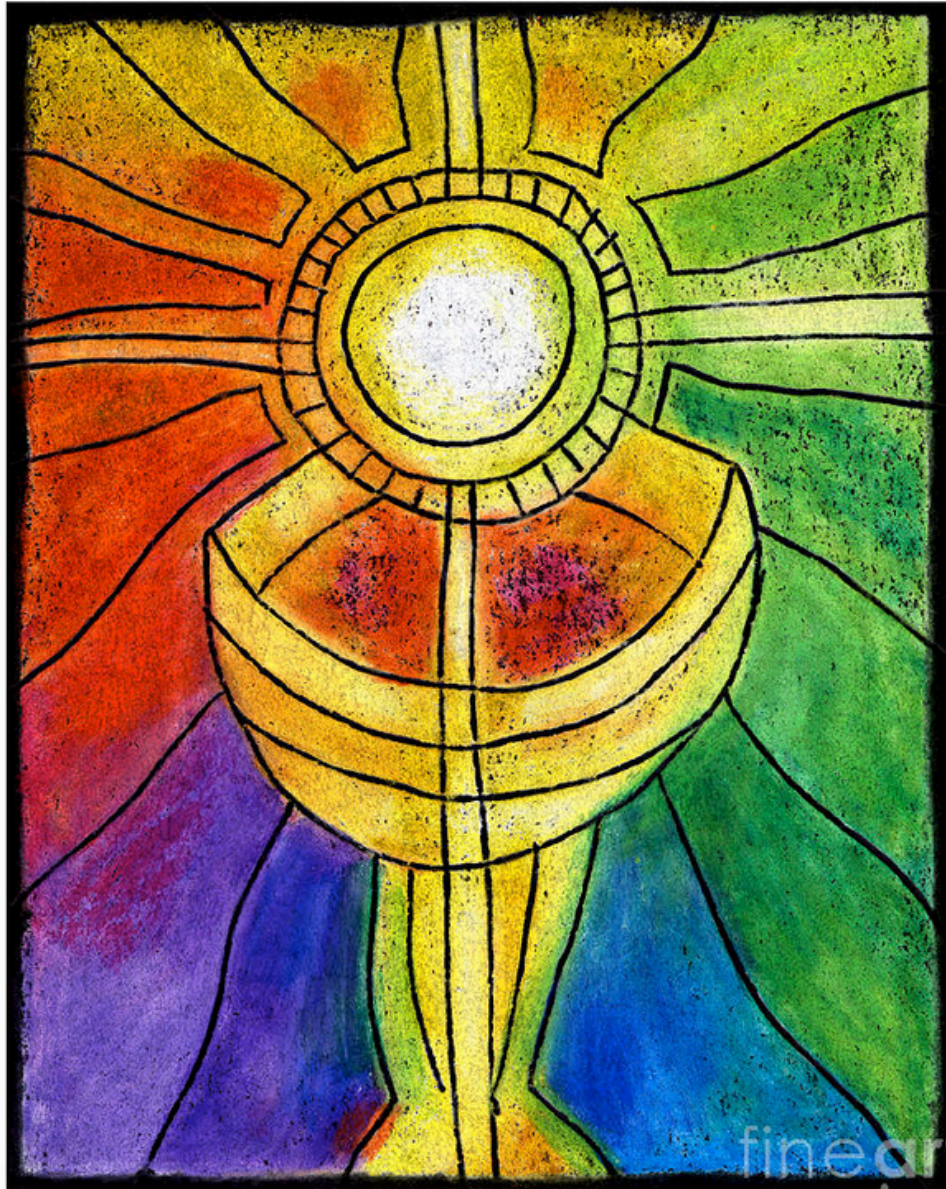
- Can Christians get baptized more than once?
- Should Christians baptized as infants be rebaptized?
- What is the correct mode of baptism?
- Is baptism necessary for salvation?

IMPROPER COMMUNION

- Not individually
- Not separately or in cliques
- Not during relational conflict
- Not while unbeliever
- Not while in sin



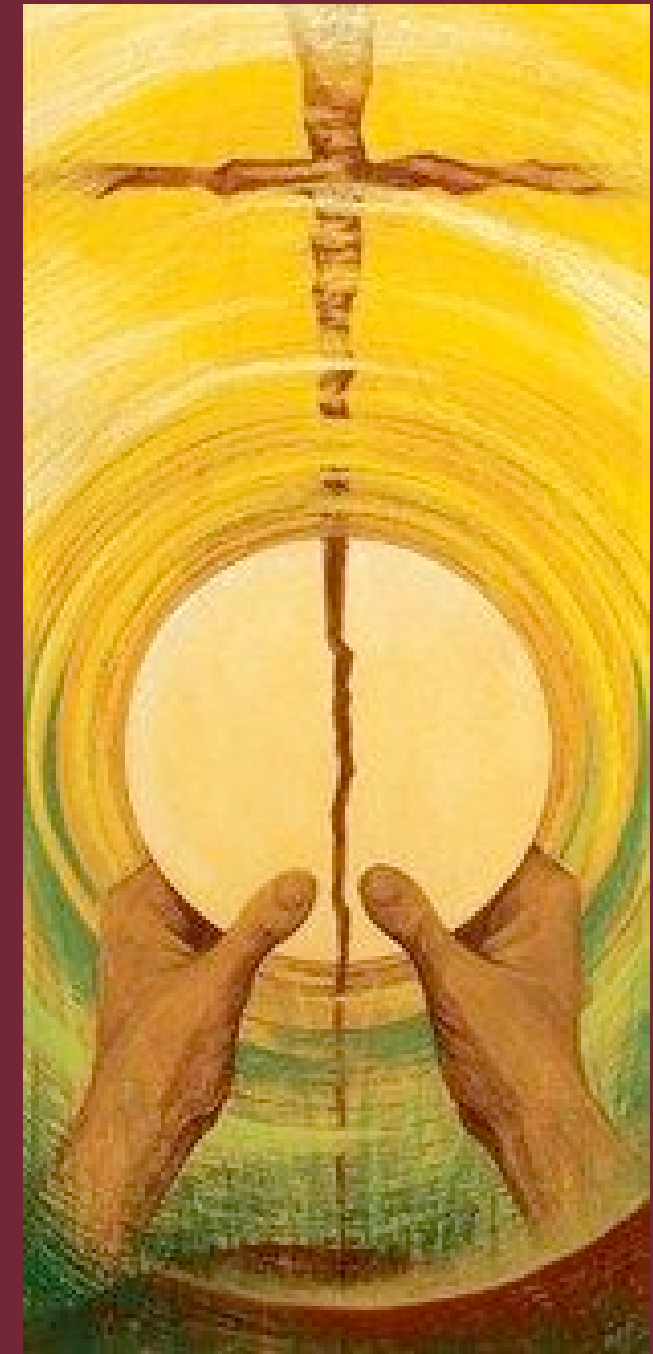
FREQUENCY



- No warning about too often
- Church in Acts partook weekly
- Early church did weekly
- Christ's presence does not become more special by His absence

WHAT COMMUNION DOES

- Sanctifies us
- Unites us to Christ
- Unites us as a church
- Reminds us of the gospel
- Proclaims the gospel





APPLICATION

- We should long and look forward to taking communion.
- We should examine ourselves before we partake of communion.
- We should view communion highly.