

LESSON LXXXV.

BAPTISM.

1. Faith in Jesus before his crucifixion was shown by sacrifices pointing forward to his death. Since the cross, faith in him is shown by memorial ordinances pointing back to the cross.

2. Faith in Christ's death, burial and resurrection is shown by baptism. Rom. 6:3-8; Col. 2:12; Gal. 3:27.

3. No person ought to be baptized until:

(a) He has had gospel instruction. Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:15, 16; Acts 8:34, 35.

(b) He believes in Christ. Mark 16:16; Acts 8:12, 36, 37.

(c) And he is converted. Acts 2:37, 38; 3:19.

4. The action of baptism is performed as follows:

(a) Going down into the water. Acts 8:38.

(b) Baptized, buried in the water. Acts 8:38; Rom. 6:3-6.

(c) Coming up out of the water. Acts 8:39; Matt. 3:16.

Note.—The word "baptize" comes from the Greek word *baptizo*, and is defined as follows: "To immerse, immerge, submerge."—Greenfield. "To dip under."—Liddell and Scott. "To dip in, to sink, to immerse."—Robinson.

5. The candidate is baptized in the "name," not names, of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Matt. 28:19.

6. To be baptized in the name of the Father means that God henceforth is to be our Father (not Satan; John 8:44), and that we will be his obedient children. 1 Peter 1:14, 15, 22.

7. In the name of the Son, means that Christ is accepted as the only Savior, and his teaching is to be the rule of life. Acts 4:12; John 14:15.

8. In the name of the Spirit means to obey the Spirit in all things, believe in its gifts, etc. John 14:16, 17, 26; 16:7-13.

9. Baptism is a memorial of Christ's death, burial and resurrection; for by this ordinance faith is shown in his resurrection from the dead. Col. 2:12; Rom. 6:3-6.

QUESTIONS.

1. How was faith shown in Christ before his first advent?
2. How is faith shown in him since he came?

3. By what act is faith shown in his death, burial and resurrection?

4. State three things that must precede baptism. Paragraph 3 (a) to (c).

5. What is the first step in the action of baptism? The second? The third? Give one reference.

6. What does it mean to be baptized in the name of the Father? In the name of the Son? And in the name of the Holy Ghost?

7. Of what is baptism a memorial?

Note.—Christian baptism is a gospel ordinance commanded by Christ and will cease when probation ceases. See line No. 13 on chart No. 1.

LESSON LXXXVI.

I. ORDINANCE OF HUMILITY.

1. Jesus washed the feet of his disciples at the last passover supper. John 13:1-12.

2. His object in doing this was to teach them humility, faith and obedience. John 13:12-16; Luke 22:24-27.

3. Jesus advised all to follow his example by washing each other's feet. John 13:14, 15.

4. It was customary in the early church to wash the saints' feet. 1 Tim. 5:9, 10.

5. A blessing is promised all who obey Christ's injunction in regard to feet washing. John 13:15-17.

6. Since Christ has enjoined his disciples to teach all nations all that he commanded, therefore the ordinance of humility must also be taught. Matt. 28:19, 20.

II. LORD'S SUPPER.

1. Jesus instituted the ordinance of the Lord's supper after having washed the disciples' feet and after the passover supper, but before his betrayal. Matt. 26:26-29; Mark 14:22-25.

2. The broken bread is an emblem of Christ's sacrifice for sinners. Matt. 26:26; Mark 14:22, 24; 1 Cor. 11:23, 24.

3. The cup represents the blood Christ shed for the remission of sins. Matt. 26:27, 28.