

## SBC22 9 Marks at 9: What's Wrong with Us? Revival vs. Revivalism

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You've heard clip 2x now—asked, **What thoughts crossed your mind about our individual and corporate responsibility w/ Lord's Table and Baptism?** (how should the definitions of these studied and strengthened actually promote healthy churches AND protect against nominalism and unholiness) We will spend a little more time on this AND listen one more time to the clip, but need to lay a bit of groundwork first. **Baptism—what is it? Where does it fit in the life of the Christian? What are the implications of baptism? What are you assuming/thinking when you see it take place? How have your thoughts changed about baptism? Scripture about baptism?** Matt. 28:19-20, Rom. 6:3-6, Gal. 3:25-29; but then 1 Cor. 1:13ff. show that not salvific—**Baptism is what marks out Christians and divides them from the world. It symbolizes our spiritual unity in Christ and brings visible unity to Christ's church. Therefore, if you want to publicly identify with Jesus, water baptism is the way.** "The abiding principle is this: the church has the responsibility in baptism to testify to a person's faith. The church does not have the power to confer or complete salvation. However, it does have the delegated authority to baptize believers in Christ based on their visible faith . . ." *Waters That Unity: Five Truths About Water Baptism* 3/14/16 David Schrock (Read part of this article starting at "A Final Word") **Lord's Supper—what is it? Where does it fit in the life of the Christian? What are the implications? What are you assuming/thinking when it takes place? How have your thoughts changed about the Lord's Supper? Scripture on the Lord's Supper?** 1 Cor. 10:16-21, 11:23-24—unworthy manner, then Heb. 10:29, follow back to v. 19 **watch clip again; 44:43-48:25** Ben Lacey on what else we need to do as a church to put focus in the right place INSIDE the church; **What are they attaching to baptism and Lord's Table that are different from where we tend to focus?** (ie. They focus, we focus) Watch just editorializing—just give what THEY say; can't just let everyone get baptized; **DON'T LOWER THE BAR or you gave them passport to get into all the churches** – use all reasonable means—can't stop it all; NOW think about what makes you uncomfortable and how you would address the problems they bring up without focusing on Lord's Supper and Baptism **where do we tend to address these problems they mention if we don't lead with a look at these ordinances?** One on one, own standards, judgments—who we fellowship w/ in one church/number of churches; Personal, mystical experience, rather than seeing **THESE are the marks distinguishing God's people from the world**; these are a living, constant reminder that we are Jesus representatives on earth—Eph. 4:15-16 He is HEAD of followers, therefore, respond to Him which pulls us toward His goals (Your kingdom come, will be done) and His people (not merely the ones that agree w/ us—yet to truly work for unity of Spirit, can't take on ALL Christians—hence local body); listen to portion of recent episode of Pastor's Talk—Episode 235 On Spurgeon the Pastor w/ Geoff Chang—**Prayer, Lord's Supper; Thoughts on Spurgeon's practice and perhaps some of the implications we should note as we consider shifts in the norm for churches/Christians today? Read from article** starting at "The Local Church in 2 Steps" **"In baptism, you publicly commit to Christ and his people. Baptism is where faith goes public. It's how a new believer shows up on the world and the church's radar as a believer. In other words, baptism marks off a believer from the world. In baptism, the church says to the world, 'This one belongs to Jesus!' In the Lord's Supper, we renew our commitment to Christ and his people. But, distinct from baptism, the Lord's Supper is something we all do together. The Lord's Supper marks off an entire group of Christians as one body, drawing a line between them and the world around them. And by drawing a line between the church and the world, baptism and the Lord's Supper draw a line around the church. The ordinances make it possible to point to something and say 'church' rather than only pointing to many somethings and saying 'Christians.'"** Bobby Jamieson **How the Lord's Supper Makes a Local Church** 4/28/16 contra, **Ill-fruit of revivalism vs. true revival--Speed and numbers in name of evangelism/ conversion can lead to downplaying other ingredients making it harder to uphold their purposes/integrity—they become valueless**; I would argue that desiring our children/friends to be saved makes us sloppy with living/teaching intricacies of living life of faith in Christ showing evidence of true conversion; YES, instances of mass conversions, but results would be proved by life among the people of God, held to accountability of God's Word lived which is a sign of love for God; **How would even our small little look at these ordinances—continuing to study, strengthen and clarify these biblically actually promote healthy churches and protect against nominalism and unholiness?** Help us clarify gospel so give it right; look for real evidences of true faith right away (prayer, hunger for Word, fellowship of saints—busy living on display, sharing good news—**ARE WE KNOWN FOR THESE THINGS?** So busy saying don't have to or they've done it wrong—both may be true, but need SOMETHING tangible in these areas; Slow w/ membership, baptism, Lord's Supper, —maybe too slow—**but think—if there is so much hypocrisy and nominalism, what does this do to the strength of the gospel and the trustworthiness of God's Word and purposes?** Goes down; everyone does what is right in own eyes—noise—therefore, His will not done (liberalism, but also the doorway to immoral activity); pretend some of this is necessary and it still blows mind, makes uncomfortable, unnerving—how do you change? **THIS is why we emphasized words in our membership class that are valuable here at Cornerstone—I think are necessary for all true growth and change definitely in our situation today**—put words in powerpoint (17 slides) —these ordinances put in right place will be affected by four themes that said should be preached which will put focus on Christ—give HOPE, not just terror with these ordinances—**if these ordinances DON'T have right place—baptized INTO Christ Col. 3:1-3, Rom. 6, communion/ fellowship w/ God tied to fellowship with His people I John (ex-commun-icated), then gospel not identifier, instead, lift up what each other wants us to lift up as the identifier** (my gifts, my personality, my needs, my brokenness, etc.—leads to the "woke" problems where people need to wake up to what THEY focus on rather than on what God focuses on) --talking about sexual abuse so much b/c just dumped report about it—WATCH dangers of throwing stones—this is a big problem NOT merely pastor's untrustworthy—YES, but that Christian's have been sloppy all over—personal holiness—we are NOT part of SBC, so listening in on their conversation **58:00-end Mark Dever** Positively a love for God and a love for others will lead to 5 distinct things that go together.

Discipling, Evangelism, Raising up leaders, Church Planting, Missions what is the root of these five things? What is the “germ” he talks about? How does his What do we need to do to foster this root?

How do these five things TOGETHER result from a love for God and a love for others? Why do these five go together—a natural overflow individually and corporately? For example, why will there be a culture of raising up elders and leaders if men, women, boys, girls follow Jesus in this way?