

# LESSON 15

## CHAPTER 29. “Of Baptism”

An individual ordinance  
Baptismal regeneration  
Infant baptism (paedobaptism)  
Believer baptism  
Sacramentalism

### I. Paragraph 1: Baptism is commandment of Christ

- A. Baptism is ordained by Christ as a sign that the believer has entered into life.
- B. Baptism is symbolic for death and resurrection, purification by the remission of sins, and a new life in Christ.

### II. Paragraph 2: Baptism is for believers only

- A. Only believers should be baptized.
- B. Believers are those who repent of their sin, profess faith in and are obedient to Christ.

### III. Paragraphs 3: Baptism by water and the Word

- A. Water is the prescribed element for baptism.
- B. Baptism should be in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

### IV. Paragraph 4: Baptism should be by immersion.

- A. Immersion in water is necessary for proper administration of the ordinance.

### Discussion Questions:

Should baptism be required for church membership?

Should Baptist churches admit Christians to membership that have been:

- a. baptized as infants?
- b. baptized as adults by sprinkling?

Should Baptist churches ever re-baptize members?

Is infant baptism valid?

### Book suggestion:

R. B. C. Howell, *The Evils of Infant Baptism*