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29:1 Continued

1. Continuing the significance of baptism
2. A sign “of remission of sins”
  - a. **Acts 22:16**
3. A sign “of submitting themselves to God through Jesus Christ to live and walk in newness of life.”
  - a. **Romans 6:4; cf 2 Corinthians 5:17**

29:2: Who Should Be Baptized?

*Those who personally profess repentance toward God and faith in and obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ are the only proper subjects of this ordinance.*

1. The necessity of a credible profession
2. Believers are the “only proper subjects”
3. Why is baptism only for believers?
  - a. Jesus commanded baptism for disciples
    - i. Matt 28:18-20, cf. Luke 14:27ff; Matt 10:38

- b. The book of Acts shows that baptism follows faith
  - i. **Acts 2:41, Acts 8:12, Acts 18:8**
  
- c. The meaning of baptism signifies the possession of salvation

How does this lead us to love the Lord?

Next Steps

1. The confession teaches that baptism is a sign “of submitting themselves to God through Jesus Christ to live and walk in newness of life.”
  - a. How might a new believer apply this aspect of baptism?
  - b. How might an older, more mature believer apply this aspect of baptism?
2. What kind of “credible profession” is the confession looking for?
3. Debates over doctrine challenge us not simply in whether our beliefs are biblical, but whether our hearts are biblical. How would the Lord want us to respond to our doctrinal debates? (e.g. fruit of the Spirit, Galatians 5)