

1. The Church's Rite of Initiation: _____

A. An "_____"

B. The Greek Word: _____

C. Usage

1)

2)

D. _____

E. It is...

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2. The Church's Perpetual Practice: _____

A. Purposed

B. Defined

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2)

3)

2. The Church's Perpetual Practice (cont.)

C. _____

1)

2)

D. _____

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3. The Church's Proclamation: _____

A. The Church & the Truth

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B. _____ that is Biblical:

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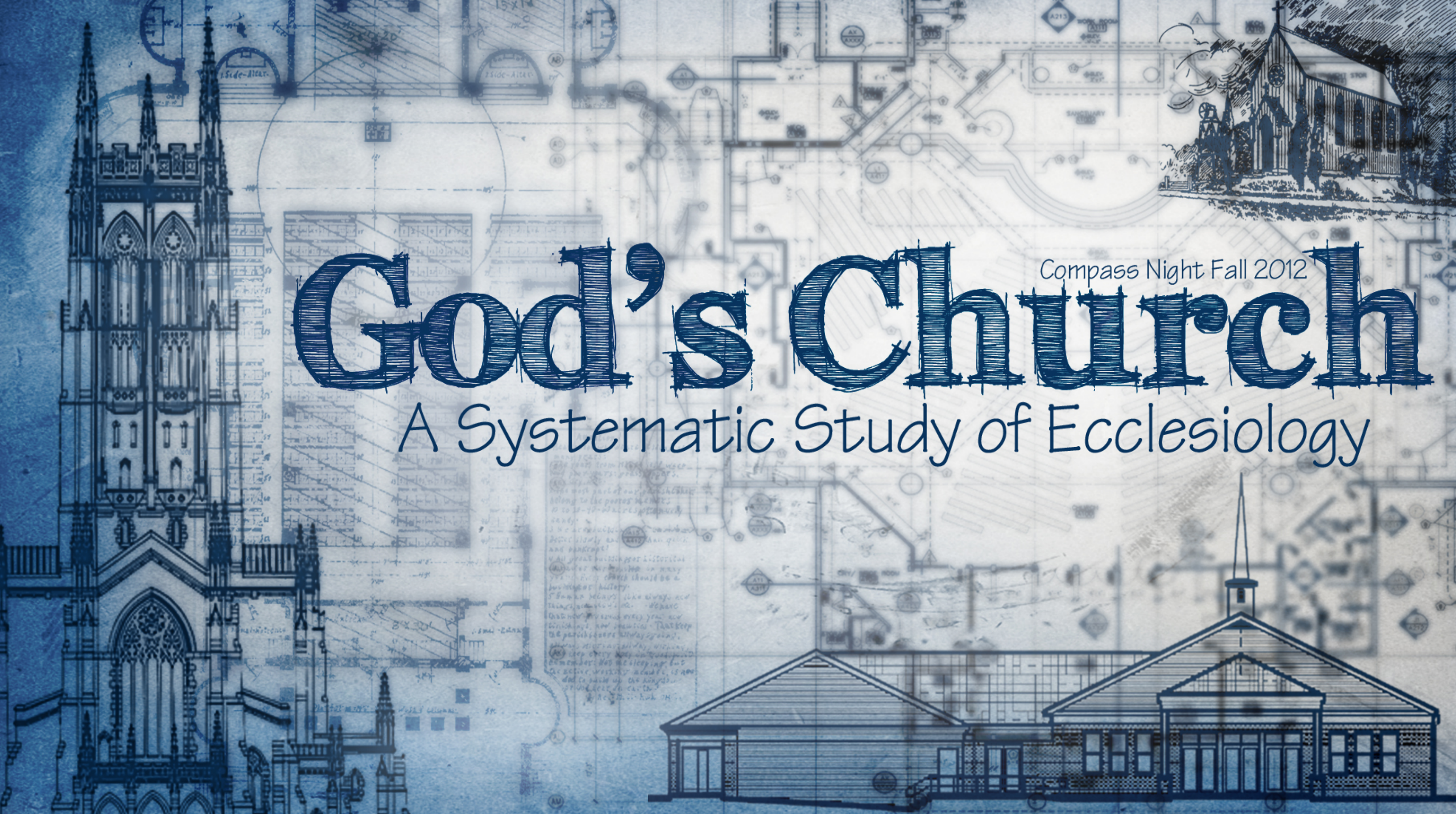
4. The Church's Peer Pressure: _____

A.

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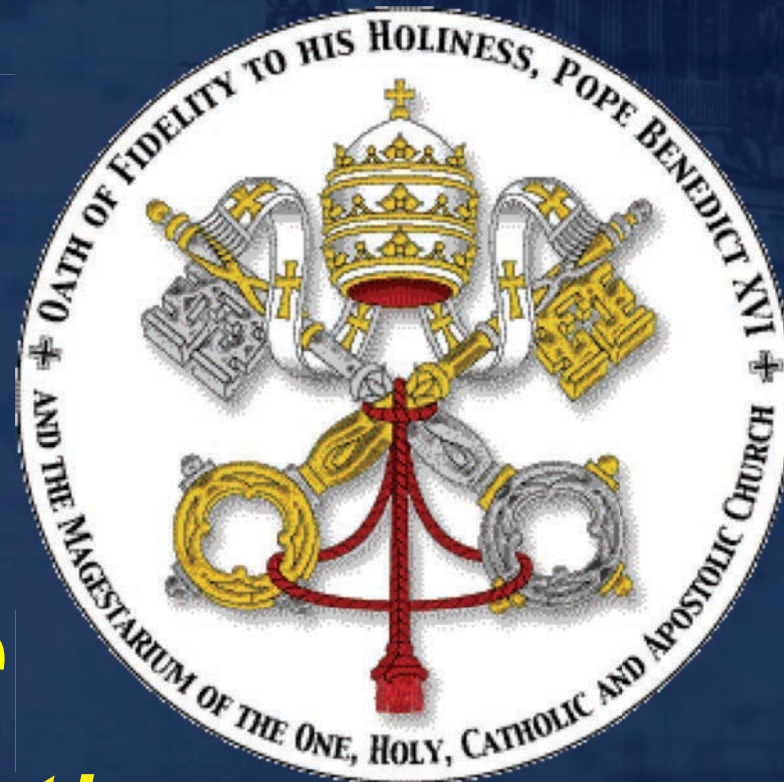
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A. An "Ordinance" *Water Baptism*

- "Ordinance" = Something "Ordered" or Commanded
- "Sacrament" = a "Sacred" or Holy Practice
- We prefer "ordinance" because of how "sacrament" is defined by the RCs

Catechism of the Catholic Church (1994)

§1250 *“Born with a fallen human nature and tainted by original sin, children also have need of the new birth in Baptism to be freed from the power of darkness and brought into the realm of the freedom of the children of God, to which all men are called.*



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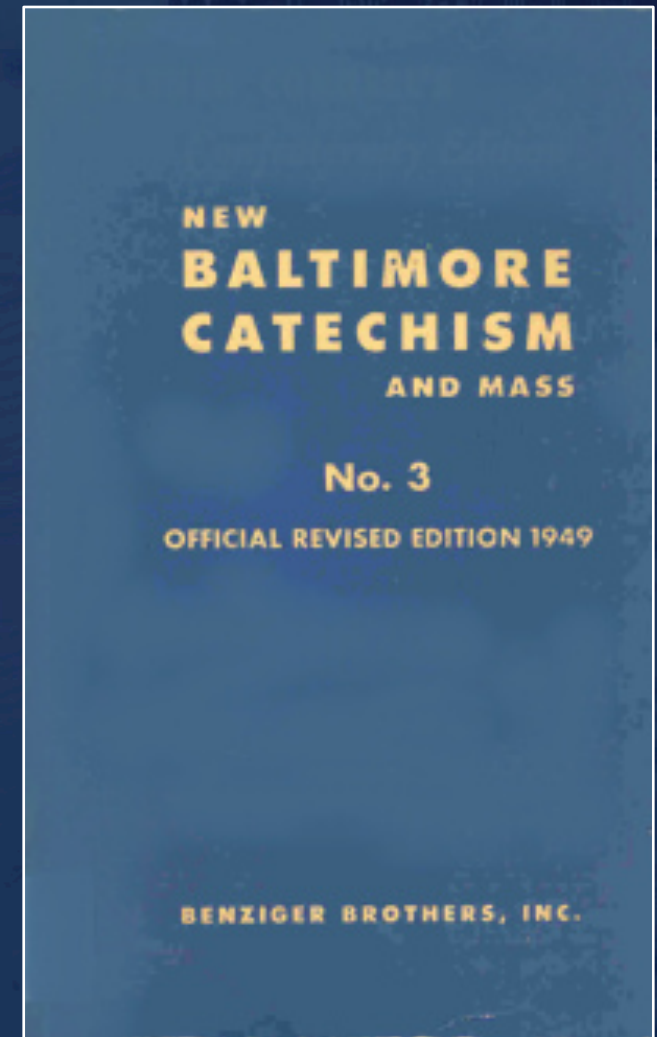
“...The sheer gratuitousness of the grace of salvation is particularly manifest in infant Baptism. The Church and the parents would deny a child the priceless grace of becoming a child of God were they not to confer Baptism shortly after birth.”



Catechism of the Catholic Church (1994)

BC§117(a) “What are the principal ways of obtaining grace?

The sacraments of Baptism and Penance were instituted chiefly to give grace to those who do not possess it; the other sacraments, to increase it in those who are already in the state of grace.”



1. The Church's Rite of Initiation:

A. An "Ordinance" Water Baptism

- ***“Ex Opere Operato”*** (Latin)
 - “the benefit is by the very fact of the action being performed”
 - Is there “power” in the ceremony itself?
 - > **Jeremiah 9:25-26**

1. The Church's Rite of Initiation:

A. An "Ordinance" *Water Baptism*

- What about the Non-RC Infant Baptism?

- *Paedobaptism*

- > OT Circumcision = NT Baptism

- *Believer's Baptism (Credobaptism)*

- > Entering the "covenant" family is by Sp. Birth, not Bio. Birth

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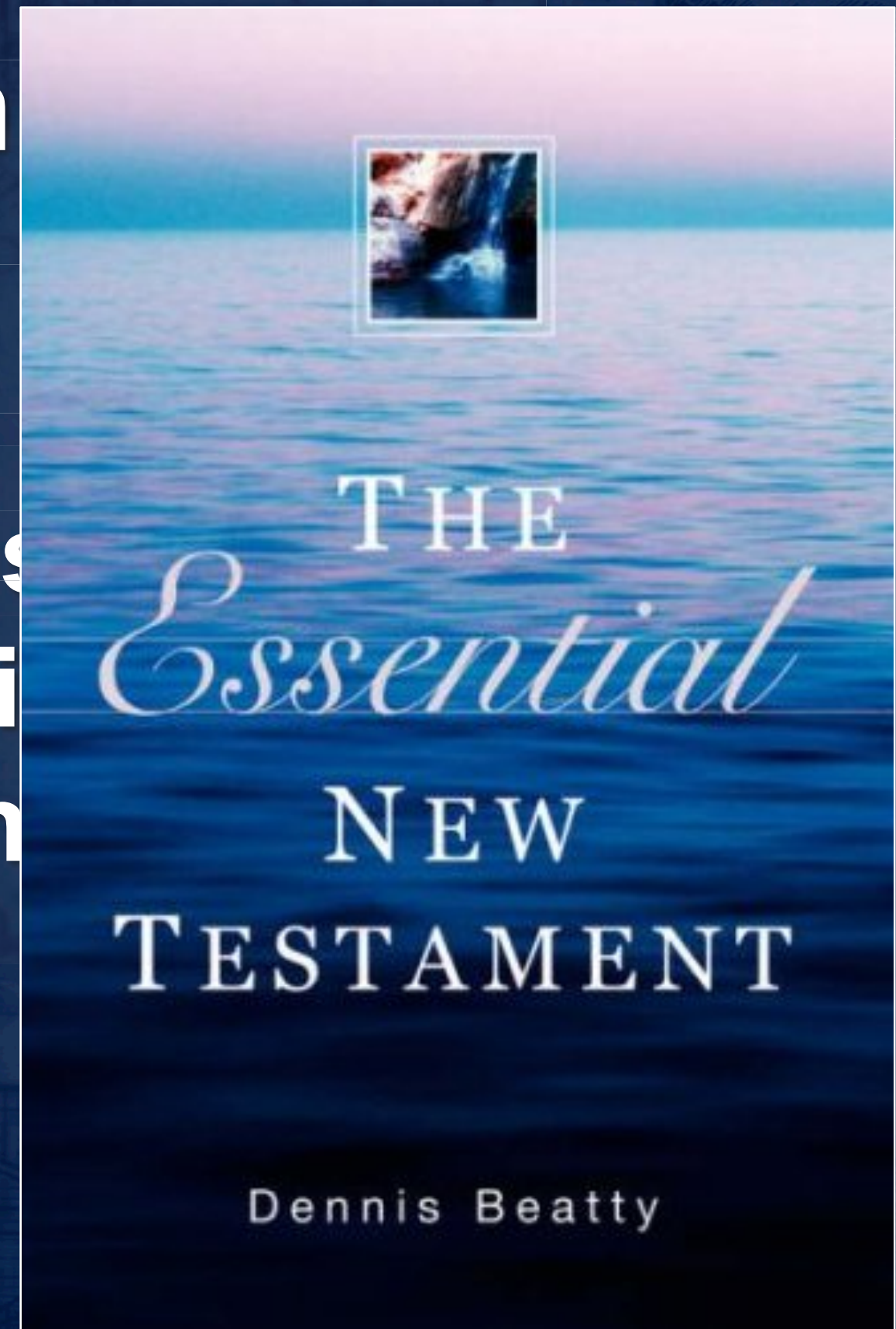
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1. The Church's Rite of In

A. An “Ordinance”

B. The Greek Word

- Transliterated (not Translated)
- “*Baptizo*” = place into; immerse; submerge; dip; “dunk”



1. The Church's Rite of Initiation:

Water Baptism

A. An “Ordinance”

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C. Usage

- Two Primary Categories

(Mk.1:8; Lk.3:16; Jn.1:33)

1) Baptized into Christ by the HS (Rom.6)

2) Baptized into water by a person

(Ac.8:36; 10:47; et al.)

1. The Church's Rite of Initiation:

Water Baptism

A. An “Ordinance”

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C. Usage

D. Water Baptism Does not Save You
(1 Peter 3:20-21)

1. The Church's Rite of Initiation:

E. Water Baptism Is.... *Water Baptism*

- 1) A Symbolic Act of Initiation
- 2) A Post-Conversion Ceremony
- 3) By Submersion
- 4) To Boldly Declare Your Union with X
- 5) For Observers to Embrace Individuals

2. The Church's Perpetual Practice:

Corporate Worship

A. Purposed

- 1 Peter 2:4-10
- Ephesians 1:3-14

B. Defined (1Chr.16:28-29)

1) Ascribing Glory to
God

2) Presenting an Offering

3) Done by Righteous/Contrite People

Psalm 149:1 *Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!*
2 *Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!*

2. The Church's Perpetual Practice:

Corporate Worship

- John 4:19-24

C. Worship in Spirit

1) It Doesn't Consist of External

Isaiah 29:13 *And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men"*

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C. Worship in Spirit

1) It Doesn't Consist of External

*A word about “**iconoclasm**”

> The “**clasm**” (breaking)
of “**icons**” (images)

John Knox in Scotland

“...embarked on a concerted campaign of iconoclasm—smashing and removing religious images, which they associated with idolatry—and of purging churches of altars, statues, crucifixes, carvings, bells, pictures... They hoped to purify worship by eliminating all considered to be false or detracting from the honor that God alone deserved.”

Zwingli in Switzerland

“At the same time there were occurring sporadic outbreaks of iconoclasm in churches in Zurich and outside, much of it intensified by the preaching of Zwingli and his colleague at St. Peter’s, Leo Jud.”

John Calvin in Geneva

“For Calvin the worship of the medieval church had become ‘gross idolatry.’ The issue of idolatry was for him as serious as the issue of works-righteousness in justification. The Reformers, like the prophets of old, needed to attack the idolatry and the ‘external show’ of the worship of their time. The antidote to the theatrics of the church in Calvin’s day was a godly simplicity of worship”

2. The Church's Perpetual Practice:

Corporate Worship

- John 4:19-24

C. Worship in Spirit

- 1) It Doesn't Consist of Externals
- 2) We Must be Internally Engaged

D. Worship in Truth

- 1) No Truth = No Worship
- 2) Conscious & Directed Truth Required

3. The Church's Proclamation

A. The Church & Truth *Biblical Preaching*

1) It is to Uphold Truth

2) It is Proclaim Truth
(2Tim.4:1-4)

3) It is to Feed on Truth
(1Pt.1:22 – 2:6)

1 Timothy 3:15 if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is ***the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.***

3. The Church's Proclamation

A. The Church & Truth *Biblical Preaching*

B. Preaching that is Biblical

1) Preachers Don't Use the Bible to
Preach Their Messages

** They are Used by the Bible to Preach
Its Message*

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B. Preaching that is Biblical

2) Preaching that Drives to Application

a) Derives **Content** from a Text

b) Explains **Meaning** of that Text

c) Affects the **Changes** intended by that Text

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3) Hearers Who are Receptive

1 Th.2:12 we ***exhorted*** each one of you and ***encouraged*** you and ***charged*** you to walk in a manner worthy of God...13 ...when you ***received*** the word of God, which you heard from us, you ***accepted*** it not as the word of men but as what it really is, ***the word of God***

4. The Church's Peer Pressure:

Christian Fellowship


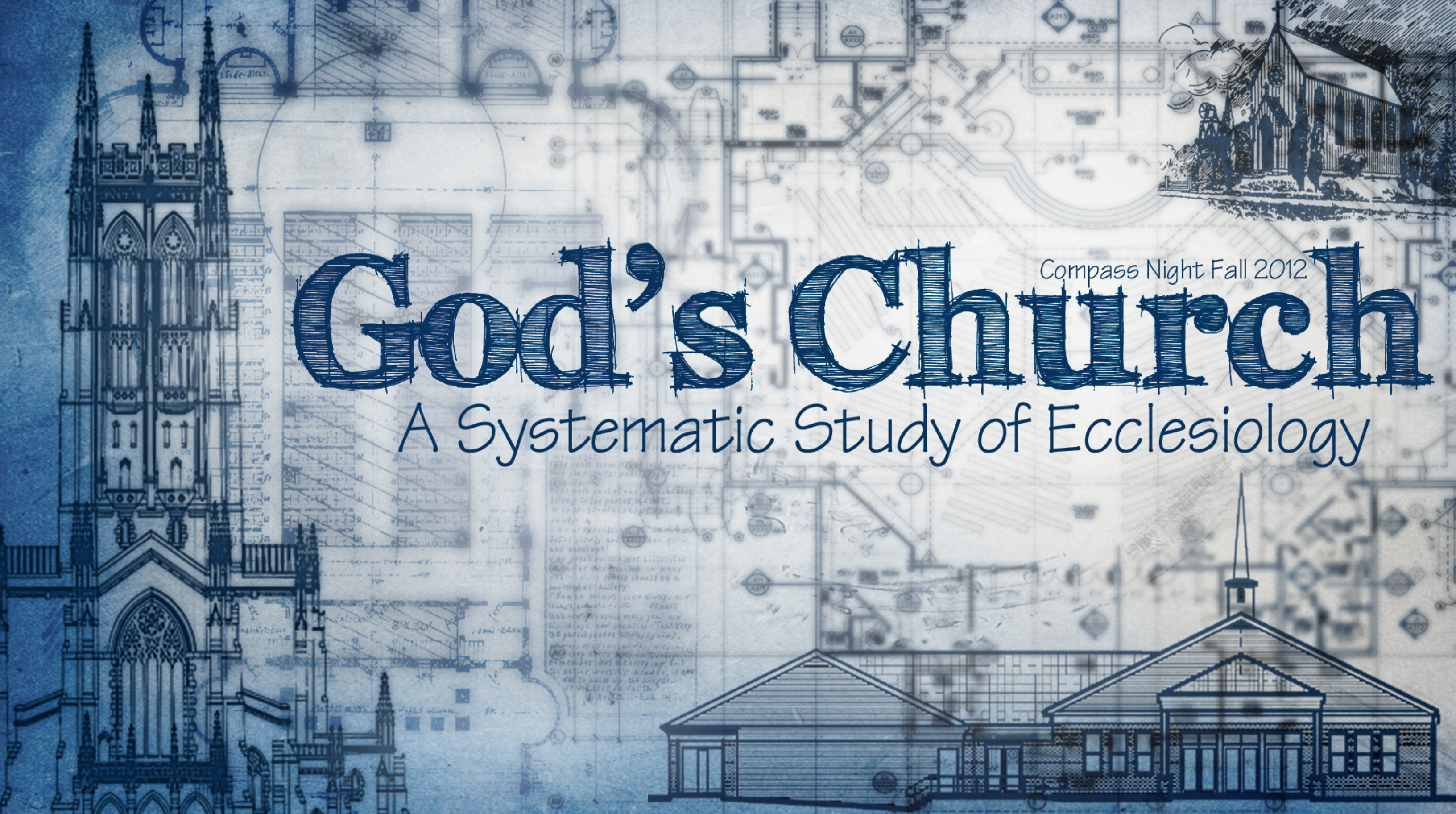

- **Heb. 10:23-25**

A. Its Critical Role

B. In Person Attendance Required

C. It Involves Thoughtful Prompting

D. It is Increasingly Necessary



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