

An Exposition of the 2nd (1689) London Baptist Confession
Chapter 28.1-2: Of Baptism and the Lord's Supper
Chapter 29:1-4: Of Baptism

28.1 Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of positive and sovereign institution, appointed by the Lord Jesus, the only lawgiver, to be continued in his church to the end of the world.

Matt. 28:19–20; 1 Cor. 11:26

28.2 These holy appointments are to be administered by those only who are qualified and thereunto called, according to the commission of Christ.

Matt. 28:19; 1 Cor. 4:1

29.1 Baptism is an ordinance of the New Testament, ordained by Jesus Christ, to be unto the party baptized, a sign of his fellowship with him, in his death and resurrection; of his being engrafted into him; of remission of sins; and of giving up into God, through Jesus Christ, to live and walk in newness of life.

Rom. 6:3–5; Col. 2:12; Gal. 3:27; ^bMark 1:4; Acts 22:16; ^cRom. 6:4

29.2 Those who do actually profess repentance towards God, faith in, and obedience to, our Lord Jesus Christ, are the only proper subjects of this ordinance.

Mark 16:16; Acts 8:36–37, 2:41, 8:12, 18:8

29.3 The outward element to be used in this ordinance is water, wherein the party is to be baptized, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Matt. 28:19–20; Acts 8:38

29.4 Immersion, or dipping of the person in water, is necessary to the due administration of this ordinance.

Matt. 3:16; John 3:23; Acts 8:36–37, 2:41, 8:12, 18:8