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Rev 114:6-8; 18:1-5 In the last 3-fold message we are warned that the churches are fallen and are called out of Babylon.

Matt 10:32, 33 We are to make public confession of our allegiance to Christ. (Jesus ordained certain ordinances whereby we show our faith in Him and our desire to keep His commandments.)

John 13:1-17 After the Passover supper, before instituting the Lord's supper, Jesus instituted the ordinance of feet-washing. This service maintains equality among believers and reminds us of Christ's desire to keep us washed and as free from sin as when we were baptized.

1 Tim 5:10 An instance of feet-washing.

Kitto says; "Feet-washing became, as might be expected, a part of the observances practiced in the early church. . . Traces of the practice abound in ecclesiastical history." -- Cyclopedia of Biblical Literature.

Encyclopedia of Biblical, Theological, and Ecclesiastical Literature, vol. 3, p. 616, "The act thus performed by Christ at the institution of the supper suggests to believers at every communion this lesson of humility, patience, forbearance, and charity ... In the post-apostolic times, the command, 'Ye also ought to wash one another's feet, came to be observed not only after the spirit, but also after the letter. .. The Church of England at first carried out the letter of the command."

Matt 26:26-30 After thus preparing the hearts of the disciples (by the ordinance of humility) Jesus instituted the Lord's supper to point back to His death.

1 Cor 11:23-34 By this ordinance we show our willingness to let Him who died for us control our lives, even as the food permeates our bodies. We must not partake of it with known sin in our lives. Each one examines himself This is open communion.

Baptism

Matt 28:18-20 After being taught to keep all of God's commandments, one should be baptized.

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Mark 16:15,16 Belief precedes baptism.

Acts 2:38 Repentance precedes baptism. (Babies cannot)

Acts 8:38, 39; Mark 1:9,10 They went down into the water and came up out of the water when they were baptized.

John 3:22, 23; Co12:12 It takes much water to baptize because it is a burial in water.

New International Ency.; "In the primitive church the ordinary mode of baptism was immersion."
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Nelson's Ency.; "There is a little doubt that the original practice was immersion."

Catholic Ency. ; "The most ancient form usually employed was unquestionably immersion."

The Catholic Council of Ravenna (1311) was first to allow a choice between sprinkling and immersion.

Rom 6:3-6 Baptism commemorates the death, burial and resurrection of Christ and indicates that we have buried the old life of sin and risen to live a new life in Christ. (The marriage ceremony)

CoI 3:1-10 A description of the new life in Christ.

Matt 3:13-17 Jesus set the example of baptism.

John 3:3-5 He said it is important to be baptized.

Luke 7:30 In refusing baptism we reject God's counsel.

Acts 19:2-5 Those who have been baptized prematurely should be re-baptized.

Heb 6:1, 2 Backsliders should be re-baptized.

Acts 22:6-16 We should not hesitate to be baptized if we love Jesus and want to keep His commandments.