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**Lesson Four: Let's Not Water Down Baptism**

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**Two Principles about the nature of the church:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Christians don't agree on everything.
2. But despite that, WE DO have \_\_\_\_\_ beliefs that form our identity.

Ephesians 4:3-6

**Seven Principles about the nature of baptism:**

**One:** Baptism is not the \_\_\_\_\_ of man; it is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God consistent with God's \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 28:19, 20; Romans 6:3,4; Galatians 3:26; Col 2:12; Titus 3:4, 5

**Two:** Becoming a believer and being baptized are not two \_\_\_\_\_ things, they are the \_\_\_\_\_ thing.

John 3:5; John 3:16

**Three:** Because belief is central to being baptized, we don't baptize \_\_\_\_\_ because they cannot \_\_\_\_\_ their belief.

Acts 16:31

**Four:** Biblical baptism requires \_\_\_\_\_.

Mark 1:10; Acts 8:39

**Five:** God chooses to \_\_\_\_\_ us and \_\_\_\_\_ us through baptism.

Acts 2:38; Matthew 26:28

**Six:** \_\_\_\_\_ baptizes you is not as important as whose \_\_\_\_\_ you are baptized into.

1 Cor 1:13-15, 17; Romans 8:1; Galatians 2:17; Ephesians 1:12; 1 Thess 4:14

**Seven:** Baptism is not meant to be a \_\_\_\_\_ issue, but a \_\_\_\_\_ event.

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