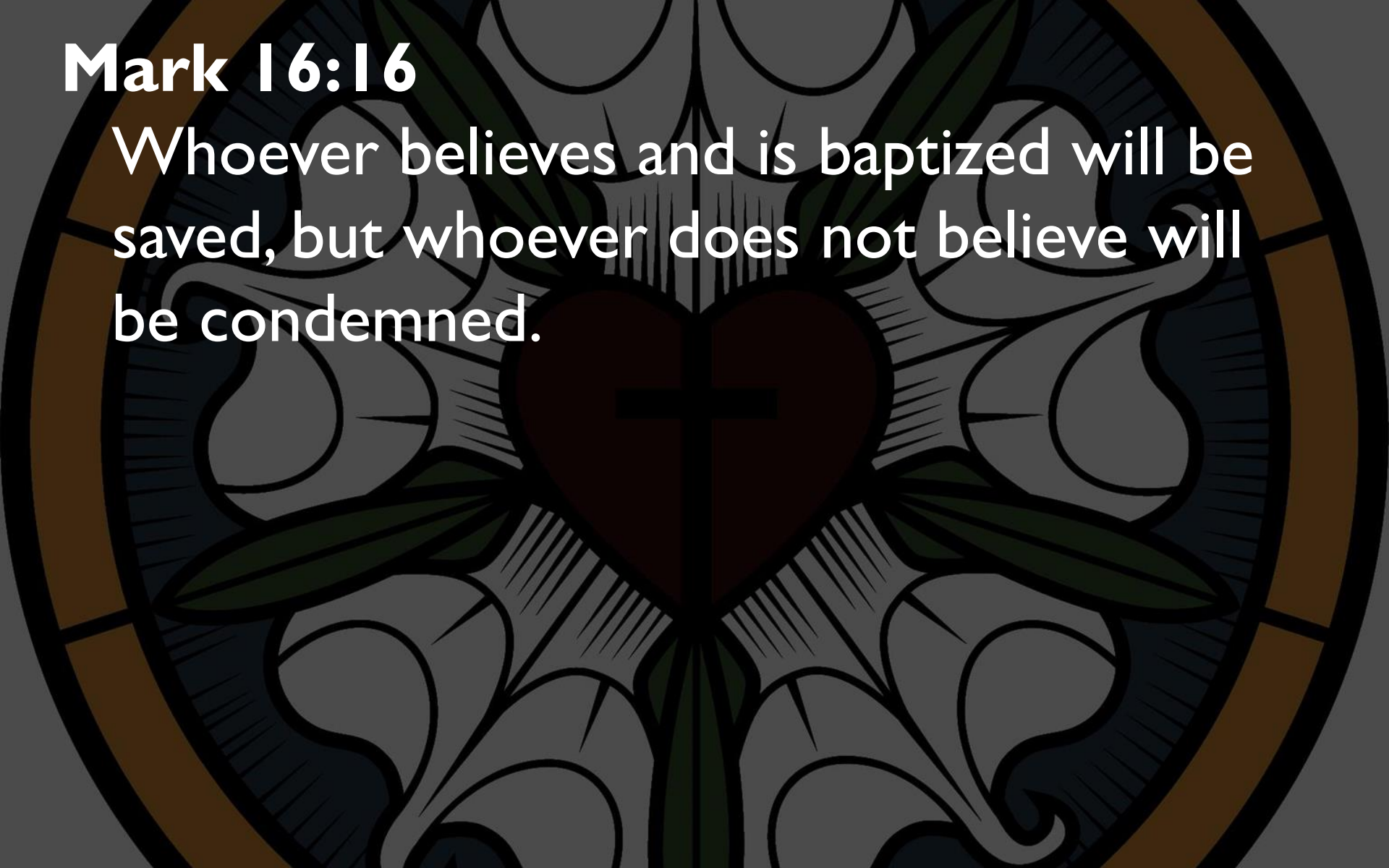


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**What Makes
Lutherans Different
from other
Protestants?**

Mark 16:16

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

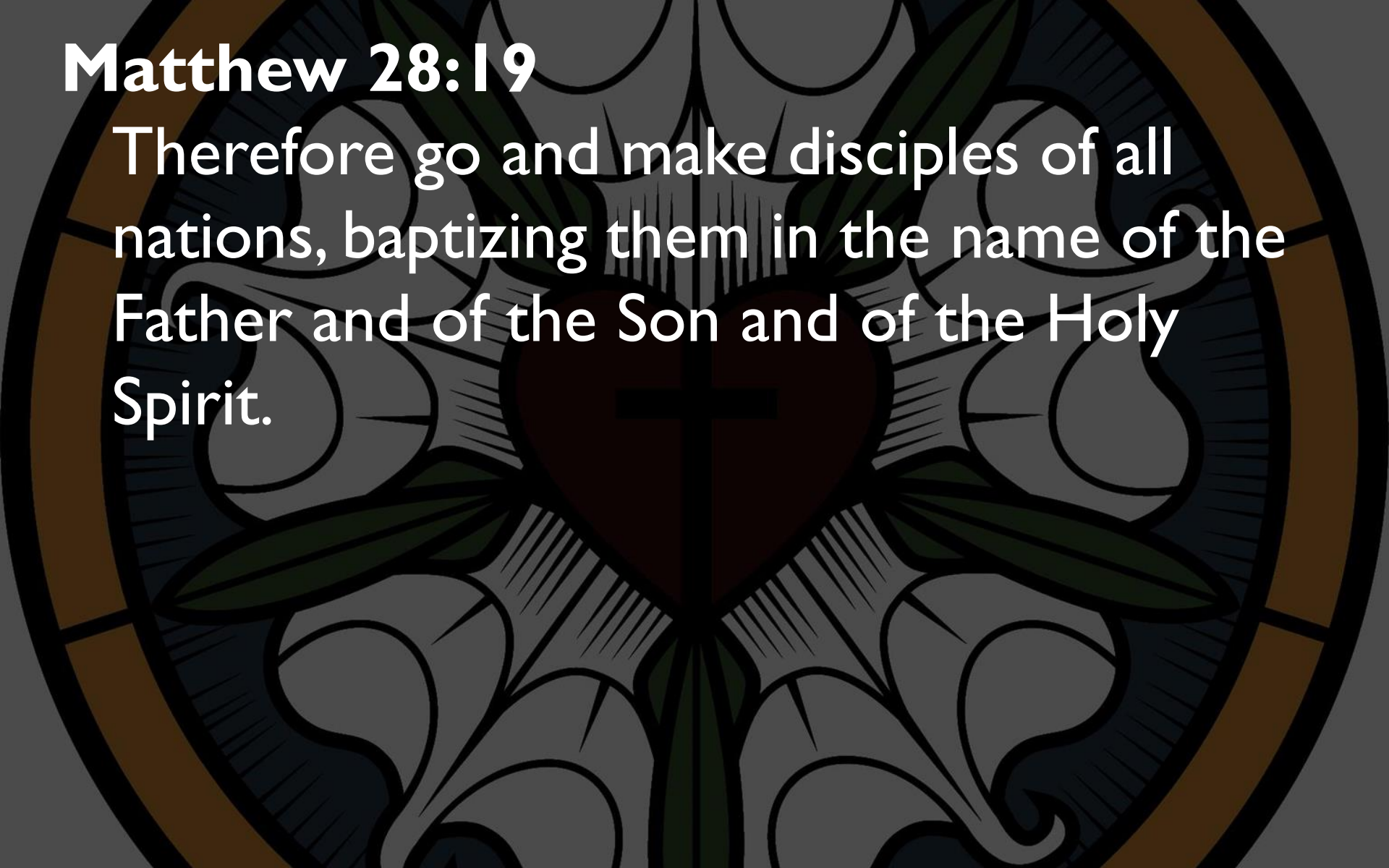


I Corinthians 11:27–29

Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself.

Matthew 28:19

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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I Corinthians 1:16

(Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't remember if I baptized anyone else.)

Acts 16:15, 33

When she and the members of her household were baptized ...

... then immediately he and all his family were baptized.

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Baptism is for “All Nations”

Acts 22:16

“And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name.”

1 Corinthians 6:11

And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Galatians 3:26–27

You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

Ephesians 5:26

... to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word.

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1 Peter 3:21

and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**Baptism Gives
Forgiveness of Sins**

Romans 6:1–4

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

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**Baptism empowers
us for godly living.**

Matthew 26:26–29

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.” Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

I Corinthians 10:16

Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ?

**The body and blood of Jesus
are truly present for the
forgiveness of sins.**

Baptism is symbolic and has no power

As we observed, baptism is “for” the forgiveness of sins, hence it is a sign, a pointer, to that forgiveness. Baptism is a sign of the cleansing in forgiveness. . . . Baptism does not bring about forgiveness of sins and the like, but it does vividly point in that direction.

Pentecostal

The act of baptism conveys no direct spiritual benefit or blessing. . . . We are not regenerated through baptism.

Baptist

Baptism is an act of obedience

The act of baptism expresses an irrevocable commitment to Jesus Christ. . . . Baptism shows the world one's confession of Christ and total dedication to him. *Pentecostal*

Baptism is an act of obedience

Jesus' baptism forever gave this ordinance divine sanction. Baptism is an aspect of righteousness in which all can participate. Since Christ, the Sinless One, was baptized "to fulfill all righteousness," we, who are sinners, ought to do the same.

7th Day Adventist

Baptism is an act of obedience

Baptism, then, is not necessary for salvation. But it is necessary if we are to be obedient to Christ, for he commanded baptism for all who believe in him.

Baptist

Why children don't need baptism

Through the temptation of Satan man transgressed the command of God, and fell from his original innocence; whereby his posterity inherited a nature and environment inclined toward sin, and as soon as they are capable of moral action become transgressors and are under condemnation.

Baptist

Jesus' body and blood are not present

The bread and wine, while they remain symbols of His death, also represent the Christ who in glory has not given up His bodily reality. He still has flesh and bones, hence a real human body. Thus under the visible symbols of bread and wine on the table, His glorious presence is all the more manifest among his people.

Pentecostal

Jesus' body and blood are not present

This view (the Lutheran teaching of the real presence) is burdened with the impossible doctrine of the omnipresence of the Lord's physical body.

Reformed

Jesus' body and blood are not present

(Calvin) believes that Christ, though not bodily present in the Supper, is yet present and enjoyed in his entire person, both body and blood. He emphasized the mystical communion of believers with the entire person of the Redeemer. His representation is not entirely clear, but he seems to mean that the body and blood of Christ, though absent and locally present only in heaven, communicate a life-giving influence to the believer when he is in the act of receiving the elements.

Reformed

Jesus' body and blood are not present

Zwingli argued that there was no change in the elements, no participation of Christ in them, and not even a spiritual presence. They were simply memorials, not means of grace. This is probably the most popular view among evangelicals today.

Baptist/Evangelical

Communion is an act of obedience

The terms *ordinance* and *sacrament* are both used among evangelicals. *Ordinance* seems more acceptable, since *sacrament* is generally understood to convey the idea of saving merit or grace.

Communion is an act of obedience

[The Lord's Supper] is an act of obedience whereby members of the church, through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming.

Baptist



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