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E. ____should I be baptized?

1. As soon as you believe. (Acts 2:41b; 8:35-38)

2. Our next baptism is next Sunday at the James River.

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I. Questions about baptism (Romans 6:1-14)

- A. Why should I be baptized?
 - 1. To follow the example set by Christ. (Matthew 3:13-17; Mark 1:9)
 - 2. Because Christ commands it. (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:38)
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- B. What is the meaning of baptism?
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- E. When should I be baptized?
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II. Questions about communion or the Lord's Supper (I Corinthians 11:17-34)

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 - 4. It is a statement of faith. (v. 26)
- B. Who should take the Lord's supper? (v. 29) Only believers
- C. How do I <u>prepare</u> myself for the Lord's supper?
 - 1. Self Examination (v. 27-28; 30-34)
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 - 3. Recommitment (Romans 12:1)
 - 4. Restore relationships (Matthew 5:23-24)
- D. <u>How often</u> should we observe the Lord's supper?
 - Jesus never said when or how often believers should observe the Lord's Supper
- E. What are the **four parts** to the Lord's Supper?
 - 1. A warning (v. 27-32)
 - 2. The bread (v. 23-24)
 - 3. The cup (v. 25)
 - 4. Our response (v. 26)

ACTION POINTS: 1.) Have <u>you</u> ever accepted Jesus as your personal Savior and been baptized the Biblical way?

- 2.) Are you living worthy of your baptism?
- 3.) Are you <u>prepared</u> to take the Lord's Supper?
- 4.) We must <u>never forget</u> all Jesus has done for us.