

Pentecostal Sacraments  
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**Experiences encountered via water baptism, the Lord's Supper, Foot washing or the Anointed Touch as "sacramental" in the way Tomberlin proposes.**

Tomberlin Proposes the proper mode of water Baptism as an act "of immersion." Baptism is a sacrament of the Christian church and a reminder of Jesus baptism by John the Baptist. Through baptism believers are united with Jesus, demonstrating death to sin when immersed in the water. Another action is a picture of resurrection to new life when believers come up out of the water. Baptism is submission to living Jesus way according to His will, plans, and purpose for life. Another reminder of baptism goes back to Jesus, He gave his disciples instructions to baptize believers. This action of baptism continues in this present time.

Accordingly, it is important for all believers to submit to the gift of saving souls. Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."<sup>1</sup> Personal experiences encountered during baptism includes a type of cleansing or refreshing. There is a sense of connecting to Jesus in identification of His suffering and dying, it truly was the best choice to make. Additionally, "Christian baptism is an act of worship and discipleship."

Nevertheless, the baptism performed by John was not a ritual cleansing, his sign of baptism signified repentance of sins. Although Jesus was not sinful, he took the sins of the world upon Himself through pain and suffering from the beatings. Jesus laid on the cross and allowed the soldiers to nail Him to it. He hung there with tremendous pain, suffering, and mocking prior to His death. Tomberlin points to Jesus baptism as "a baptism of suffering." Further views of baptism entail the event after Jesus baptism, "this is My Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

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1 (Matt. 28:19, NKJV).

Moreover, partaking of the Lord's Supper is an honor in remembrance of Jesus perfect sacrifice. Personally, the Lord's Supper has become a daily activity, taken with great honor and respect to Jesus as the suffering Lord. Communion (Lords Supper) is always a time of reflection and remembrance of Jesus perfect sacrifice for all sinners. Freely, He has given to all who will receive His greatest gift of salvation.

Much pleasure is taken with great respect for Jesus and His greatest gift of salvation. Everyday there is a reminder of His perfect sacrifice, it is unforgettable. Without His sacrifice of suffering, dying, and resurrection there is no remission of sin, but thanks to Jesus and His unconditional love. There have been times during communion that the Lord's presence manifested and brought emotional tears with heartfelt love for Jesus. His Word declares, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they shall be filled."<sup>2</sup>

On the other hand, physical action of foot washing has not been an experience shared with another person. But, it is a great way of sharing love in the kingdom. In like manner, there is remembrance of Jesus washing His disciple's feet. The washing of feet is likened to ministering to others, it shows a spirit of humility. Perhaps Jesus was teaching the disciples a lesson on serving others. He reminded them that since He had washed their feet, they should do the same for others. Believers should always be submitted to serving others in a manner that brings glory to God. More personal ministry is a mission to serve, feed, and care for homeless people.

To conclude, Tomberlin proposes, water baptism is a sacrament, a means of salvific grace, because it is so closely associated with the work of the Holy Spirit and the death and resurrection of Christ."<sup>3</sup>

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2 (Matt. 5:6, NKJV).

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