1 - Preaching Jesus & His Plan of Salvation
 Mark 16:15-16

2 - **Preaching Jesus**

1. His **origin, identity and nature**. -
2. The **prophesied Messiah**.
3. The **life He lived in the flesh**.
4. His **death and resurrection**.
5. **His church**.
6. His “plan” of salvation.
7. His second coming.

3 - **Jesus taught what we must do to be saved.**

Jesus taught:

1. That we need salvation.
2. There is something we MUST do to be saved.
3. We must walk by faith that begins by hearing Him.
4. We must repent of our sins.
5. We must confess who He is before men.
6. We must be baptized in His name to be saved.

4 - **We must be baptized.**

Commanded by the Lord:

* *“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.* ***He who has believed and is baptized shall be saved****; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.”* **(Mark 16:15-16)**

5 - **We must be baptized.**

Commanded by the Lord:

* *“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations,* ***baptizing them*** *in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you...”* **(Matthew 28:18-20)**

6 - **We must be baptized.**

Preached by the apostles:

* + In response to the question*, “what shall we do?”,* by inspiration Peter responded*, “Repent and* ***let each of you be baptized*** *in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”
	(Acts 2:38)*

7 - **Baptism Defined**

* 1. From the Greek ‘baptizo’ meaning: to immerse, submerge.

(Acts 8:38, *“…they both went* ***down into the water****… they* ***came up out of the water****…”*; Matthew 3:16)

The word itself precludes other actions.

8 - **The purpose of Baptism**

1. **Not a “rite”, “ceremony” or “confirmation”**.

9 - **The purpose of Baptism**

1. For the remission of sins. (Acts 2:38)

“For” from the Greek “eis” meaning “**towards or unto**” and not “because of”. Note the same expression, ***“for the remission of sins”*** used in
Matthew 26:28 and ask why Jesus shed His blood.

10 - **The purpose of Baptism**

1. **To be saved and cleanse our conscience** (1 Peter 3:21; Acts 22:16)

Saved from the consequences of being in sin. (John 3:17)

Not a “rite” or an outward cleansing but man’s *“appeal to God for a good conscience”.*

11 - **The purpose of Baptism**

1. **To be added to the body of Christ** (1 Corinthians 12:13; cf. Eph. 1:22-23; Acts 2:47)

“For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body…”

Into Christ, not into a denomination! (Galatians 3:26-27; 1 Cor. 1:10-17)

12 - **The purpose of Baptism**

1. **To be born anew. (John 3:3-5; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 6:4)**
* The old man is put to death.

13 - **Who is to be baptized?**

* + One old enough to believe what they have been taught from the scriptures
	(John 6:44-45)
		- An act of obedient faith.
	+ One **convicted of their sin** (Luke 15:18) **against God** and **aware of the consequences**. (Romans 6:23)

14 - **Who is to be baptized?**

* + One who has examined the evidence and believes that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and **willing to confess** such. (Matthew 16:16-17; 10:32; Acts 8:37; John 3:1-3; 20:29-31)

15 - **Who is to be baptized?**

* + One who is earnest and willing to repent and bear the fruit of repentance. (Luke 3:8ff; 2 Corinthians 7:11; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11)

16 - **The Urgency of Baptism**

* + Will we hasten to keep the Lord’s commands? (Psalms 119:58-60)
	+ ***“Now why do you delay?”*** (Acts 22:16)