



28:1: Anchoring the Ordinances in Jesus

*Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of positive and sovereign institution. They are appointed by the Lord Jesus the only lawgiver and are to be continued in His church to the end of the age.*

1. Substantially different compared to the WCF/Savoy
  - a. 1689 is much shorter
  - b. 1689 uses "ordinance" vs. "sacrament"
  - c. 1689 is likely defending their Baptist theology
  
2. The ordinances are clearly grounded scripture
  - a. **Matthew 28:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:25-26** cf. Luke 22:19-20
  
3. The authorization of the ordinances
  - a. Positive
  - b. Sovereign
  - c. Appointed by the Lord Jesus the only lawgiver
  - d. In his church (Sphere)
  - e. To the end of the age (Duration)

## **The Goal of Our Instruction Is Love (1 Timothy 1:5)**

How does this lead me to love the Lord?

### **Next Steps**

1. How do we see the ordinances clearly laid out in Scripture?
2. How does the confession describe the relationship between the ordinances and the authority of Jesus?
3. As we begin to study the ordinances, how can this lead us to greater love?