

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper or Communion is offered to any \_\_\_\_\_ in good standing with the church and others (Acts 2:42; 1 Cor. 11:23-26)

- Jesus never asked his disciples to remember his birth, but He did instruct them to remember His \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Of the two ordinances, baptism and The Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is an object lesson that represents a great spiritual truth for believers.

### **A. What is the meaning of the Lord's Supper? (1 Cor. 11:23-36)**

1. It is a simply act. v.23
2. It is a \_\_\_\_\_. v.24
3. It is a symbol. v.25
4. It is a statement of \_\_\_\_\_. v.26

### **B. Who should take The Lord's Supper?**

- Only those who have believed. Mark 14:22-26

*"Therefore, whoever eats the bread and drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A person 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 upon himself." (1 Cor. 11:27-29)*

### **Steps to observe when receiving the Lord's Supper:**

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Cor.11:27)
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ (I John 1:9)
- 3) Recommitment (Rom 12:1)
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_ (Matt 5:23-24)

### **C. When & how often should I observe The Lord's Supper?**

- Jesus never said when or how often to observe The Lord's Supper but he did say to "Do this in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19). We as a church observe communion once a month at our morning services. The key is to do it in remembrance of Christ!

## WATER BAPTISM

### Who should be baptized?

Every person who has made the decision to believe in Christ. When Paul writes to the believers in Rome, he assumes that all of them have been baptized (Romans 6). The one requirement for baptism is belief in Christ!

### What is baptism?

A Move from Death to Life:

Baptism is a symbol of Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Our entrance into the water during baptism identifies us with Christ's death on the \_\_\_\_\_, His \_\_\_\_\_ in the tomb, and His resurrection from the \_\_\_\_\_.

Colossians 2:12-14 MSG "Going under the water was a burial of your old life; coming up out of it was a resurrection, God \_\_\_\_\_ you from the dead as he did Christ. When you were stuck in your old sin-dead life, you were incapable of responding to God. God brought you alive—right along with Christ! Think of it! All sins forgiven, the slate clean, that old arrest warrant canceled and nailed to Christ's cross."

### **A Brand New Life:**

It is a symbol of your new life as a Christian. We bury the 'old life' and we rise to walk in a '\_\_\_\_\_'. Baptism is like a wedding ring, it is the \_\_\_\_\_ symbol of the commitment you made in your \_\_\_\_\_, a commitment that has to be followed through and lived out on a daily basis.

### **Here is one simple way to explain baptism:**

Baptism is a symbol. It's meant to show the world that you love, trust, and have put your \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.

### Why should I consider getting baptized?

#### **Following Christ:**

In order to understand the reason for being water baptized, it is important to carefully consider what the Bible says about it... Jesus himself was baptized. He was not a sinner, yet he \_\_\_\_\_ himself in obedience to \_\_\_\_\_ with us and give us an example to follow.

At this time, Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. The moment he came out of the water, he saw the sky split open and God's Spirit, looking like a dove, come down on him. Along with the Spirit, a voice: "**You are my Son, chosen and marked by my love, pride of my life.**" **Mark 1:9 MSG**

#### **An Act of Obedience:**

Water baptism is an act of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to the commands of Christ.

**Matthew 28:19-20** "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, \_\_\_\_\_ them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey

everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

**1. Jesus commands us to be Baptized.** Before being taken up into heaven, Jesus sent his followers out into the world to “make disciples.” Note in **Matthew 28:18-20** the two basic requirements for all disciples:

**1) Baptize them      2) Teach them to obey**

Water Baptism was not a *suggestion*, but a \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus!

**2. Is Water Baptism really important?** On the Birth of the New Testament Church (the Day of Pentecost), Peter preached to the onlookers. Being cut to the heart they asked, “*What shall we do?*” See **Acts 2:38** for Peter's answer. In it he lays out the *three vital elements* of the Christian Life?

Acts 2:38 Peter replied, “**Repent and be baptized**, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will **receive the gift of the Holy Spirit**.”

**a) Repent      b) Be Baptized      c) Receive Holy Spirit**

**3. What if I was already water baptized as an infant?** This is a very common question. In Scripture, water baptism is for individuals who have \_\_\_\_\_ received Christ as Savior. It is only \_\_\_\_\_ this *spiritual rebirth* that we are commanded to be baptized. For examples, see: **Acts 2:41; 8:12-13; 10:47-48; 16:29-34, 18:8**

Throughout Scripture the order is always: **a) Believe and be b) Baptized**

**4. Why do we baptize by immersing people under water?** The Greek word used in the New Testament for baptism is “\_\_\_\_\_”. It means: **To \_\_\_\_\_, submerge, dip, wash, plunge under.**

It was the same word used to describe the dying of cloth which was immersed into the colored liquid and came out bearing that same color. It also seems quite clear that immersion was the mode of baptism in the first century. **Mark 1:4-5, John 3:23, Matthew 3:16, Acts 8:34-38.**

**5. What is the purpose of Water Baptism?** Water Baptism openly \_\_\_\_\_ us with Christ in what significant ways? See **Romans 6:1-7, Colossians 2:11-12.**

**a. Christ's death      b. Christ's burial      c. Christ's resurrection**

**Water Baptism is an Outward SIGN of an Inward Experience!**

Just as a wedding ring is an outward sign that a couple are married, so in water baptism we are \_\_\_\_\_ identifying our commitment to Christ. What if a couple were to simply wear wedding rings without actually being married? They would only have an empty \_\_\_\_\_ not the \_\_\_\_\_. So baptism, the wedding ring of the Bride of Christ, doesn't make anyone the bride. It is a fitting outward sign, but without the inner reality of \_\_\_\_\_, it is void of meaning. See **I Peter 3:20b-21**

**6. How is Water Baptism different from the Baptism in the Holy Spirit?** The baptism in the Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ us in the Holy Spirit for a power-filled life and is identified

in Scripture as a \_\_\_\_\_ ***experience*** See **Acts 8:12-17**. In water baptism, you are making a public statement of your faith in Christ by obeying His command to be water baptized. You are symbolizing how you have died with Him by being immersed under the water. And in coming up out of the water, you show your resurrection unto a new life in Him!

### **Practical Items for Those Being Water Baptized**

#### ***What should I do to prepare for the Baptism Service?***

- ✓ Prepare yourself spiritually by prayer, meditating on the Scriptures pertaining to Water Baptism and through confession all sin to God.
- ✓ Invite family and friends to witness your baptism.

#### ***What should I bring to the Baptism Service?***

- ✓ Bring a large towel to dry off.
- ✓ Bring a dry change of clothes.

#### ***How will I be Water Baptized?***

- ✓ Some people get nervous about the *process* of Water Baptism. There is no need for this, if you understand that the process is quite simple. We don't want this to distract you from the blessing of this beautiful spiritual step in your life.
- ✓ The pastor will call your name at which time you can come forward and give your towel to the attendant who will help you into the water.
- ✓ The person baptizing you will then ask you to hold your nose with one hand and your elbow with your other hand. When you are tipped backward, please bend your knees, this helps the person doing the baptizing. You will be submerged just enough to cover your face and then will be brought back up immediately. Those witnessing your Baptism will often clap or give praise to God after you've been baptized.