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*an inside look at Cincinnati
Christian Church*

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CINCINNATI CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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WHO IS CINCINNATI CHRISTIAN CHURCH?

Cincinnati Christian Church (CCC) is an independent Christian Church from the Restoration Movement in American Christianity.

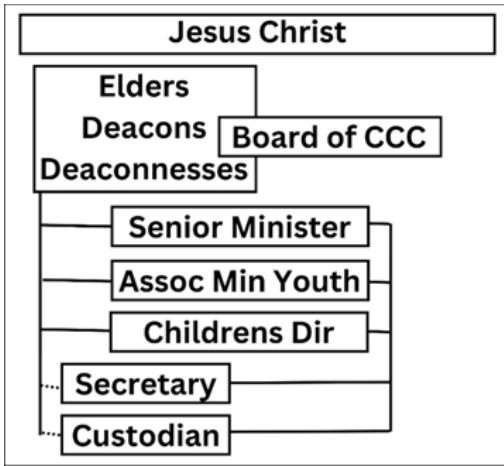
What does that mean?

The “Restoration Movement” began on the frontier of America in the 1700s and focused on encouraging Protestant Christian faith that had a strict adherence to the pattern of Church practice set forth in the New Testament.

Our church is local, independent, and does not have a denominational headquarters to whom we report. There is not a regional bishop or governing body outside our church dictating church policy, theology, or financial decisions.

WHO | WHAT | WHEN | WHERE | WHY | HOW

WHO LEADS CINCINNATI CHRISTIAN CHURCH?



We view Jesus Christ as the head of our church. That is not just something nice we say, but a consistent

thought, practice, and shared view.

Scriptures that inform us about this can be found in 1 Corinthians 11, 1 Corinthians 12, Colossians 1, Ephesians 1, and Ephesians 5.

Cincinnati Christian Church structure is **pastor led and elder driven**. What does that mean?

CCC is led by **pastors** who have been ordained and called into full-time service by God and have been called/hired to serve CCC. There are also **support staff** that work on some day-to-day functions.

Titles we use	Titles we don't use
Minister Pastor Brother	Father Bishop Reverend

The Senior Minister role is the primary teacher, preacher, and executor of vision. He is the coordinator of the staff and has many day-to-day functions.

The Youth Minister and/or Associate Minister is the leader of C3 Students which is the Middle School and High School Ministry which focuses on adolescents in those grades (5th-12th).

The Children's Director is the leader of the Tot Town and Kids City Ministries which focuses on children of those ages (Birth-4th Grade).

Other Support Staff: Secretary & Custodian

CCC is driven by elders who love CCC, are gifted in spiritual leadership, and willing to provide spiritual direction to the church. They are called upon to teach, pray, and serve the congregation by casting vision and setting the general direction for the church. Elders also help in accountability for the ministers and are their direct oversight.

CCC is led by deacons and deaconesses who serve the more physical aspects of the church by helping in worship services, prepare communion, and maintain the facilities as well as many other ministry opportunities like overseeing missions spending and planning evangelistic events.

CCC also has a Board that is more of the business leadership of the church. It is made up of elders, deacons, deaconesses, and members of the church (at-large). They watch over the finances, approve decisions,

and are general oversight for the church.

CCC has volunteer servants in many areas that lead such as small group leaders, ministry leaders, worship leaders, working with technology, maintenance, grounds keeping, special events, children, teens, adult studies, and many more areas.

QUESTIONS?



WHO CAN WORSHIP AT CCC?

Absolutely anyone can come to Cincinnati Christian Church. Even those who aren't so sure about this 'Jesus thing' can come and learn all about God, Jesus, the Bible, and why Jesus is so important.

Absolutely anyone can come to Cincinnati Christian Church. We are open to anyone who would like to worship God, cultivate an abiding relationship with Jesus Christ, and walk faithfully in the Spirit.

You do not have to dress a certain way, act a certain way, speak in a particular manner, or be from a certain part of the county.

Our worship service is a more laidback non-liturgical style where folks come in everyday clothes or business casual and worship God.

God is the focus of our time.

WHO CAN JOIN CINCINNATI CHRISTIAN CHURCH?

Anyone can join Cincinnati Christian Church. What does the word “join” mean? “Join” means “membership.”

At CCC church members are immersed (baptized) believers in Jesus Christ who have placed their membership.

At CCC, once you become a Christian and are immersed at our church, membership is automatic. You of course, can go to any church you choose, but usually people are automatically members of the church in which they are baptized.

As a Restoration Movement church, we view baptism as immersion meaning “believer’s baptism” which excludes sprinkling, pouring,

or christening. Baptism is immersion under the water of a confessing person.

At CCC, if you are already an immersed believer, you can transfer your membership by coming forward and stating you wish to be a member.

If you are already an immersed believer (baptized) in Jesus, your next step might be to join Cincinnati Christian Church as a member.

Christianity is not a bystander-kind of faith. We are called to be active in our faith. Maybe you have claimed Jesus, but your commitment to Him is not where it needs to be.

Placing membership in a church family means...

- You want to grow in your faith in Jesus Christ
- You want to share your faith with others
- You will volunteer to regularly serve in this church
- You will volunteer in the community seeking to spread the Gospel
- You will tithe to this church on a regular basis
- You will attend services, small groups, and other events regularly
- You identify and agree with the doctrine and teachings of the church

- You will not encourage others in the church in sinful lifestyles
- You will have people that care about you and your spiritual life
- You will accept the leadership of church leaders

QUESTIONS?



WHO SERVES WITH CHILDREN AND TEENS AT CCC?

Church members and some longtime attenders work with children and teens. They volunteer, but are also accepted (based on temperament, skills, talents, abilities) as volunteers. All volunteers take a voluntary criminal background check with a National Sex Offender Registry inquiry provided by our church insurance.

WHO CAN BE A LEADER AT CCC?

Most positions of leadership are filled by members.

WHO CAN SERVE/VOLUNTEER AT CCC?

It depends on the area of service. Some areas of service (like children and teens) is more restrictive. However, many areas of service are open to just about anyone. We try and match all volunteers to their area of spiritual giftedness.

QUESTIONS?



WHAT ARE SOME BELIEFS AT CCC?

God the Father (YHWH) is the self-existent uncreated Creator (Genesis 1:1; Ephesians 2:10) and the eternal Sustainer of all Creation and is an unchangeable personal God who sent His one and only Son (John 6:29, 8:42) to repair the broken relationship of sin between Himself and all human beings. Key characteristics of God: omnipotent, omniscience, omnitemporal, omnibenevolent, omnific, omnipure, omnipresent.

Jesus Christ is our only Mediator between sinful people and a Holy God (Hebrews 8:6, 9:15, 12:24) and He is the way, the truth and the life (John 14:6). We believe that God sent Jesus, His only Son, to earth to restore our relationship with Him and that Jesus will return

someday for His people (Book of Revelation).
Jesus is God.

The Holy Spirit is not an 'it' but 'He' and is the often unseen power of God (Genesis 1:2, Exodus 31:1-11) that dwells in the life of every Christian to provide understanding of spiritual truths (Romans 5:1-5), strength for living (Titus 3:3-8), and empowerment to uniquely serve (1 Corinthians 12-14). He is the Counselor promised by Jesus in John 14:16-26. The Spirit is seen and made visible by the Church.

Trinity is a human expression to define the Godhead for the term does not appear in Scripture. All three Persons of Godhead – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – are eternal (John 1:1-5), unified (John 10:30), unique (Matthew 3:16-17), the same (Matthew 28:19), and have one will (John 6:38). I AM is a perfect spiritual

community of three unto Himself and defies our ability to understand.

The Bible is the divinely inspired inerrant Word of God and serves as final authority on what we believe and how we should live as believers in Jesus Christ. Both the Old Testament (see Psalm 119) and the New Testament (2 Timothy 3:16-17) are for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness (Ephesians 6:17). It is our only rule of faith and practice and there is a commitment to the authority of the Bible (Hebrews 4:12) and lifelong discipleship.

Sin is our greatest problem and is at the root of our separation from God and the brokenness in our lives, our families, and in our world (Romans 3:23). Human beings are born with the sin nature (Romans 5:12-21, term: original sin), but are not guilty unto automatic damnation until an age of

accountability and sinful expression of free will. Grace covers those of young age until willful rejection of God.







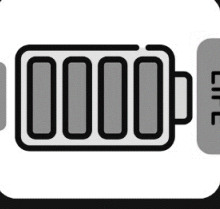
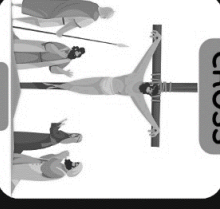
Salvation is rooted in forgiveness of sin because of Jesus Christ and His sacrifice on the cross (Acts 4:12). A restored fellowship with God comes only by way of the blood of Jesus. Salvation is a relationship with Jesus Christ and the promise of eternal life with God in Heaven forever (John 14:3). Faith as belief in testimony is acceptance of Jesus including baptism for salvation. Salvation cannot be “lost,” but can be “rejected” (Matthew 6:14-15, 10:32-38, 24:12-13, Luke 12:41-48, John 15:1-6, Romans 11:18-23, 1 Corinthians 9:23-27, Colossians 1:22-23, Hebrews 3:6, 6:4-6, 2 Peter 2:20-22, Revelation 3:3-6). Salvation is offered to all and can be accepted by faith by anyone (Matthew 11:28-30, John 6:33, Romans 3:23-24, 5:6, 5:15, 10:13, 2 Corinthians 5:14-15).

The Church is the spiritual family of God (Ephesians 3:14-15; 1 Timothy 3:5) on earth which exists continually (Hebrews 10:25) to spread the good news of abundant life from Jesus Christ. It is also often called the “Body of Christ” which is made up of believers all serving Him (1 Corinthians 12). It is designed to serve and glorify God. Members of the Church are those immersed into Christ (exclusive) or transferred upon confession of faith and previous immersion and Christian character (inclusive).

We immerse in baptism (Greek: ‘baptizo’ = “to plunge or dip”). We believe that the mode of baptism should be followed from the example of Jesus (Matthew 3:13-15) and the practice of the early Church (Acts 8:36, 10:48, 18:8, 19:3-5). The early Church immersed (not sprinkled) people who confessed Christ (not infants). We follow this practice. In baptism, we are spiritually brought into contact with Christ’s

death (Romans 6:3-4) and we begin new life in Him. Assurance of salvation is given at baptism. Forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit is given at immersion (Acts 2:38).

WHAT DO CHRISTIANS BELIEVE?

 SIN	 GOD CONTENT CREATOR
 SAVED	 JESUS CONTENT CREATOR
 BIBLE TRUE	 SPIRIT CONTENT CREATOR
 LIFE	 CROSS

Traditions, thoughts, and tendencies, but not doctrines:

Worship (John 4:21-23) is the exaltation of God by a human being through obedience in any area. Giving tithes is worship (Malachi 3:8, 1 Corinthians 16:1-3). Singing songs and playing instruments (see the Psalms) is definitely worship as long as the object of the thought, action, or song is God Almighty (Psalm 34:1-3, Romans 12:1). Worship is not a Sunday only activity, but part of lifelong discipleship and sanctification way of life.

Restoration Movement Churches affirm the authority of Scripture above all else, including creeds, counsels, or any human authority or traditions. The people of the Restoration Movement make use of certain credos to guide or aid our understanding of Scripture, but these are not a substitute or rival to the Bible. Scripture admittedly is the common

theological denominator for all denominations; the Restoration Movement is unique, however, in its Scripture-based appeal for unity. Here are two of these guiding principles:

“No book but the Bible, no creed but Christ”

“Where the Bible speaks, we speak; where the Bible is silent, we are silent.”

Restoration Movement Churches were founded as a church unity movement. A movement of this sort must go beyond uniting only with other believers who agree with us. When we explore the history of the Restoration Movement, we see that even Alexander Campbell and Barton W. Stone had sharp disagreements on matters of interpretation, doctrine, and even church governance, but they remained united due to their common commitment to Christ and the Scriptures. These men recognized that unity in Christ should trump many points of division

present in the church of their day, as it should for us now. “In essentials, unity; in opinions, liberty; but in all things, love” became one of our most challenging principles to fully embrace and embody.

We believe that marriage is a covenant between a man-born-from-birth and a woman-born-from-birth and God Almighty. The joining is spiritual, mental, emotional, physical, and financial for a lifetime. A relationship with Jesus Christ is the only foundation that will enable a marriage to thrive. Marriage is the foundation of the family as God has created it (Genesis 2:18, 21-24; Matthew 19:3-12; 1 Corinthians 7:1-40; Colossians 3:18-19, 13:4-8; Ephesians 5:21-33).

Doctrines are only given by precept... “thus saith the Lord”

The name Christian should be used to the exclusion of all other names (Acts 11, 1 Peter 4:16)

Christian character is the only test of fellowship

The right of private judgment and liberty of conscience

Belief in the union of all followers of Jesus Christ to the end that the world might believe (John 17)

Grace and free will are important

Ministers should be called and not simply licensed or hired

Church government is local and internal (congregational rule); liberty in church policy

Plurality of elders, not bishops or denominational structures

Priesthood of all believers

Open communion to all who are immersed believers in Christ

Two divine ordinances: Baptism and Communion

The OT and NT are one single divine revelation, but there are differences in the covenants

(for further beliefs, see page 93)

QUESTIONS?



WHAT USUALLY HAPPENS AT A WORSHIP SERVICE?

Our weekly worship service (Sundays at 1030am) usually last between 60 minutes and 75 minutes:

We begin with a warm welcome and an announcement highlighting something important in the life of the church schedule.

We sing worship songs directed to God. Our worship style changes weekly. We do contemporary worship, hymns, and blended worship on a regular rotation.

We observe communion weekly.

We pray.

We listen and reflect on the Bible by way of a sermon.

We sing and close the service.

WHAT ENGLISH VERSION OF THE BIBLE DO YOU USE?

We do not have any specific Bible translation that you should use. This is completely up to you. If you do not have a Bible, we would love to gift you one!

Currently, our Senior Minister preaches from the ESV Translation. He also uses the NIV 1984 on occasion.

Please use a Bible version that is easy for you to read and that you can understand. Options may include (to be helpful):

AMP

ESV

KJV

KJ21

NIV

NLT

You will find folks have their own preference.

QUESTIONS?



WHEN WAS CCC FOUNDED?

Cincinnati Christian Church began to officially meet in October of 1919.

WHEN ARE IMPORTANT GROUPS?

Christian Women’s Fellowship 700pm

Cincinnati Community Connection
1130am

Discipleship Groups 630pm

Men’s Breakfast & Book Study 800am

Sunday School 930am

Wednesday Night Adult Study 700pm

Wednesday Night Kids City 700pm

Wednesday Night Youth Group 630pm

Worship Service 1030am

QUESTIONS?



WHERE IS THE CHURCH LOCATED?

The church has been located at 11432 East State Road 54 in Eastern Greene County since 1919.

WHERE DO PEOPLE LIVE WHO COME TO THE CHURCH?

A majority of people who attend and are members of CCC come from Eastern Greene County (Beech Creek, Center, and Jackson Townships), but we also have folks from Monroe County, Bloomington, Linton, and Bloomfield.

WHERE DOES CCC FOCUS ITS EFFORTS?

We feel called to Help People Find and Follow Jesus in Eastern Greene County which encompasses Beech Creek, Center, and Jackson Townships.

WHERE DOES THE CHURCH STAFF LIVE?

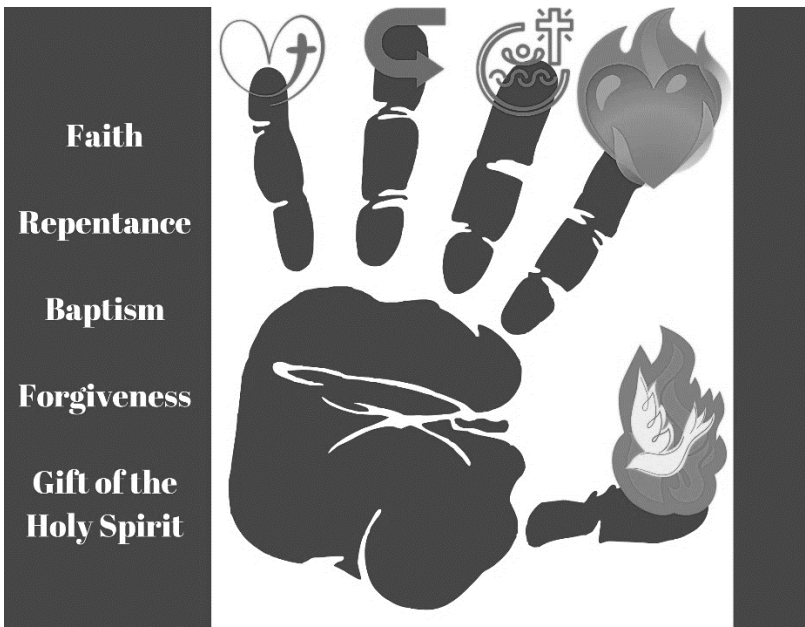
We allow our ministers to live wherever they like, but our current Senior Minister lives just north of Bloomfield near the Tulip Trestle and our current Youth Minister lives on the church property in a parsonage. Our current Children's Director lives in Solsberry.

WHERE ARE THE BATHROOMS?



WHY DOES CINCINNATI CHRISTIAN CHURCH ONLY PRACTICE IMMERSION FOR BAPTISM?

At CCC, we believe that Jesus requires those trusting in Him should turn from a life of sin, confess their faith in Christ, and be baptized into Him through the Biblical pattern of immersion, to identify us with His death, burial, and resurrection.



WHO | WHAT | WHEN | WHERE | WHY | HOW

The word always used in the New Testament in relation to baptism is the Greek word “baptizo” which means “to plunge or dip.” It always means this without exception.

This means that the only true mode of baptism is immersion. Pouring is not correct. Sprinkling is not correct. Immersion is correct. That is why we practice immersion at our church.

Baptism is as important in the salvation process as faith. Nowhere in Scripture, except those few exceptions, does faith, repentance, and the gift of the Holy Spirit occur without baptism. Baptism is always part of the nonbeliever’s journey to faith. Always.

It is through baptism that men and women publicly identify themselves with Jesus Christ and become part of Him. In addition, forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy

Spirit have been linked with baptism in Scripture.

Baptism is a birth. A person's spiritual life in Jesus Christ begins with baptism. Because it is a birth, one never needs to be rebaptized. Birth happens and then you grow.

If you have questions about this issue specifically, we would encourage you to dig into the Scriptures to study about baptism first:

Matthew 3:13-17

Matthew 28:18-20

John 3:3-8

Acts 2:38-41

Acts 8:11-13

Acts 8:36-38

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

Galatians 3:26-29

Colossians 2:9-12

Titus 3:3-8

1 Peter 3:19-22

If you have questions about this issue specifically, we would encourage you to contact a minister or elder and we'd love to chat!

QUESTIONS?



Forty-One Reasons You Should Be Baptized

By Dr. James E. Smith

A believer's baptism is an important moment in their spiritual life according to the Bible. Study the following references on the subject. If you are a believer and have never obeyed Christ in baptism you should seek out a faithful Christian to immerse you.

1. BECAUSE JESUS COMMANDED IT. He commanded his disciples to baptize those whom they had taught (Matt 28:19). The implication is that those who have been taught the gospel should willingly submit to baptism.

2. BECAUSE JESUS MODELED IT. Though sinless he walked seventy miles to be baptized by John in the river Jordan in order to fulfill all righteousness (Matthew 3:13-15). If it was the

right thing for him to do, how much more is it vital for sinners such as we all are.

3. BECAUSE BAPTISM IS COUPLED WITH FAITH AND LINKED TO SALVATION IN THE TEACHING OF JESUS. "He who believes and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16).

4. BECAUSE BAPTISM IS LINKED WITH REPENTANCE AND THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS IN THE TEACHING OF THE APOSTLES. "Repent and be baptized for the remission (forgiveness) of sins." (Acts 2:38).

5. BECAUSE BAPTISM IS ESSENTIAL TO RECEIVING THE "GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT" (Acts 2:38). See also Acts 19:3-5.

6. BECAUSE IN BAPTISM OUR SINS ARE WASHED AWAY (Acts 22:16), not by the water, but by the blood of Jesus.

7. BECAUSE IN BAPTISM WE CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD. "Arise and be baptized, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16). Baptism is like an action prayer. In this act we call upon God to fulfill all the promises which he has made to us through Christ. Such calling upon the Lord is essential to our salvation.

8. BECAUSE IN BAPTISM WE ARE BROUGHT INTO SPIRITUAL CONTACT WITH THE BLOOD OF JESUS. We are "baptized into his death" where his precious blood was shed (Romans 6:3).

9. BECAUSE IN BAPTISM WE ACT OUT THE BURIAL OF JESUS (Romans 6:4). We are "buried with him."

10. BECAUSE IN BAPTISM WE ACT OUT THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS (Romans 6:4). We are raised with him.

11. BECAUSE IN BAPTISM WE MARK THE FORMAL BEGINNING OF A NEW LIFE IN CHRIST (Romans 6:4). After our baptism we walk in "newness of life."

12. BECAUSE IN BAPTISM WE COME "INTO JESUS CHRIST" where there is salvation and blessing (Romans 6:3; Galatians 3:27).

13. BECAUSE IN BAPTISM WE DEMONSTRATE OUR HOPE IN THE RESURRECTION OF THE RIGHTEOUS (Romans 6:5).

14. BECAUSE IN BAPTISM WE "PUT ON CHRIST" (Galatians 3:27). As a garment provides protection from the elements, so Christ provides spiritual protection to those who wear him. As a uniform identifies a soldier as the member of a particular army, so the one who puts on Christ testifies to the world of his spiritual allegiance.

15. BECAUSE IN BAPTISM WE COMPLETE THE PROCESS OF THE NEW BIRTH which began when the Holy Spirit-inspired word was implanted in our hearts (John 3:5).

16. BECAUSE BEING BORN OF WATER AND THE SPIRIT IS ESSENTIAL to entering Christ's kingdom of salvation. "Except a man be born of the water and the Spirit he cannot enter the kingdom of heaven" (John 3:5).

17. BECAUSE IN BAPTISM WE EXPERIENCE THE CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST in which the sins of the flesh are removed in the sight of God (Colossians 2:11-12).

18. BECAUSE IN BAPTISM WE ARE "RAISED WITH HIM" through faith in the operation of God, i.e., baptism demonstrates in the physical realm our faith about what God is doing in the spiritual realm when we are baptized (Colossians 2:12).

19. BECAUSE BAPTISM IS A NECESSARY PREREQUISITE TO BE COUNTED AMONG THE FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST. "Those who received his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day" (Acts 2:41).

20. BECAUSE EVEN HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR OBEDIENCE TO CHRIST IN WATER BAPTISM. After Cornelius and his household were baptized in the Holy Spirit, Peter "ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ" (Acts 10:48).

21. BECAUSE EVEN THE BAPTISM OF JOHN THE BAPTIST WAS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR BAPTISM (Acts 19:3). Merely being immersed in water is not baptism.

22. BECAUSE WHEN PEOPLE IN THE FIRST CENTURY BELIEVED THE GOSPEL THEY WERE BAPTIZED IMMEDIATELY (Acts 8:36; 19:5). The

action must have been considered very important.

23. BECAUSE BAPTISM WAS A PROMINENT PART OF THE PREACHING ABOUT JESUS. Philip preached "Jesus" to the Ethiopian. As part of his message he must have spoken of the importance of baptism. At the first opportunity the Ethiopian asked "See, here is water. What would hinder me from being baptized" (Acts 8:35-36).

24. BECAUSE IF ONE BELIEVES THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD, THERE IS NOTHING TO HINDER HIS BAPTISM (Acts 8:36-37). This means that those incapable of believing in Jesus are not proper candidates for baptism. While teaching about the significance of baptism is important, one need not know all there is to know on the subject because he submits to the Lord in this act.

25. BECAUSE BAPTISM LEADS TO A REALIZATION THAT ONE HAS OBEYED THE LORD, HENCE TO JOY (Acts 8:39). The newly baptized Ethiopian "went on his way rejoicing."

26. BECAUSE BAPTISM, BEING THE FINAL ACT OF A SERIES OF INITIAL RESPONSES TO THE GOSPEL, SAVES US. The Apostle Peter declared "baptism now saves us" (1 Peter 3:21).

27. BECAUSE IN BAPTISM ONE IS FOLLOWING THE PROMPTING OF A GOOD CONSCIENCE. It is evidence that one is sincerely trying to do exactly what the Lord commanded (1 Peter 3:21).

28. BECAUSE WE ARE BAPTIZED IN THE NAME (BY THE AUTHORITY) OF THE FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT (Mathew 28:19). Baptism is the only act commanded by all three persons of the Godhead.

29. BAPTISM IS THE NATURAL RESULT OF HAVING BELIEVED THE PREACHING OF THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD. "When they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized..." (Acts 8: 12).

30. BECAUSE BAPTISM IS REQUIRED OF ALL BELIEVERS REGARDLESS OF SEX OR RACE OR ECONOMIC STATUS. "... they were baptized, both men and women" (Acts 8:12). "We were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free" (1 Corinthians 12:13).

31. BECAUSE WE ARE BAPTIZED IN (OR INTO) THE NAME OF THE LORD AND KING JESUS (Acts 8: 16). Jesus is Lord, and baptism is the pledge of our loyalty to our new King.

32. BECAUSE MIRACULOUS HEALING IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR OBEDIENCE IN BAPTISM (Acts

9:18). Miraculous events do not prove that our sins have been forgiven. God's gracious actions should make one even more anxious to obey this simple command.

33. BECAUSE BAPTISM IS THE NATURAL RESPONSE OF A HEART OPENED BY THE LORD (Acts 16: 14- 15). Through the gospel the Lord opened Lydia's heart to respond to Paul's message. She responded by being baptized.

34. BECAUSE BAPTISM IS COUPLED WITH FAITH IN THE REPORTS OF SALVATION IN THE BOOK OF ACTS. "Many of the Corinthians heard him [Paul], believed, and were baptized" (Acts 18:8).

35. BECAUSE BAPTISM IS THE ANTETYPE OF THE CROSSING OF THE RED SEA (1 Corinthians 10:2). Just as Israel left the bondage of Egypt by passing through the sea, so we also leave

the bondage of sin to enter into a new relationship with God in baptism.

36. BECAUSE BAPTISM IS THE ANTETYPE OF THE WATERS OF NOAH'S FLOOD (1 Peter 3:20-21). Just as the waters removed Noah from a sinful world, so in baptism we pass from a sinful state to a forgiven state.

37. BECAUSE BAPTISM IS THE RESULT OF THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT ON THE HEART AND MIND THROUGH THE WORD. "We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body" (1 Corinthians 12:13).

38. BECAUSE THERE IS ONE BAPTISM which has been required since the first century and shall be required until the Lord returns. "One Lord, one faith, one baptism" (Ephesians 4:5).

39. BECAUSE BEFORE WE DRAW NEAR IN OUR SERVICE AS PRIESTS TO GOD, OUR BODIES

MUST BE WASHED AS WELL AS HEARTS SPRINKLED. "let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water" (Hebrews 10:22). The text suggests that the sprinkling of the heart for cleansing and the washing of the body take place simultaneously.

40. BECAUSE BAPTISM IS ONE OF THREE CONTEMPORARY WITNESSES TO THE DEITY OF CHRIST. "For there are three who bear witness, the Spirit, and the water and the blood; and the three agree in one" (I John 5:8). For nearly twenty centuries the act of baptism has been picturing the central fact of redemption, viz., the burial and resurrection of Christ. The Spirit witnesses through the Word. The Lord's Supper bears testimony to the blood.

41. BECAUSE BAPTISM IS THE GRACIOUS PROVISION OF A GRACIOUS GOD. "He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy, he saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5). The text suggests that the renewal by the Holy Spirit follows the washing of rebirth (baptism).

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS? SNIDE REMARKS?



WHY DOES CINCINNATI CHRISTIAN CHURCH OBSERVE COMMUNION EVERY SUNDAY?

We are so very thankful.

Luke 22 begins with verses 1-2 which state: *“Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called the Passover. 2 And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to put Him to death, for they feared the people”* (ESV).

Terrible things are being planned for Jesus.

Let's read from Luke 22 more and begin our focus at verse 13: *“And they went and found it just as He had told them, and they prepared the Passover. 14 And when the hour came, He reclined at table, and the apostles with Him. 15 And He said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. 16 For I tell you I will not*

eat it until it is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God.” 17 And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. 18 For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the Kingdom of God comes.” 19 And He took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.” 20 And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood. 21 But behold, the hand of him who betrays Me is with Me on the table. 22 For the Son of Man goes as it has been determined, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed!” 23 And they began to question one another, which of them it could be who was going to do this” (Luke 22:13-23, ESV).

We see preparation and eagerness in verses 13-15 as the passage describes the Last Supper. The Last Supper was the first communion.

First, we find that Jesus had prepared for this time with His disciples. Jesus had given two disciples instructions on where to go and how to find the place for their meal. Verse 13 tells us that the disciples found everything exactly as He described. There was an upper room. There was enough room for all of them. There was a table big enough for all of them. Food and drink were available. We don't know how Jesus prepared it, but it was all prepared for them. We don't know if Jesus talked with people beforehand or if this was a miracle Jesus divinely performed, but when it came time for Jesus and His disciples to eat the Passover meal, it was all prepared.

Second, we find that Jesus was eager to eat this meal with His disciples. We know this because Jesus says those exact words! Jesus wanted to eat this meal with His disciples. He looked forward to it. He felt anticipation over it. I can imagine that He got more and more sentimental as the Cross loomed closer and closer. The men around the table with Him were His friends and world changers.

The reason Jesus prepared this time and was eager to share it with His disciples was because it was very important not only for them, but for all believers after them. This meal that He was going to share with them was not just another meal, but one that would have a great amount of significance.

The meal was already significant in that it was the Passover Meal. The Passover Meal celebrated and remembered when God “passed over” the Israelites in Egypt and their

first born did not die (Exodus 12) and immediately after were released from slavery.

This meal would take on new significance as Jesus Christ tied it directly to the new covenant which would be signed for with His blood.

We also discover in the midst of this meal that Jesus was extremely thankful (verses 16-18). Jesus during the meal offers thanks. What in the world does Jesus have to be thankful for? We know that He knows what is about to happen in a few hours.

He knows He will be:

betrayed.

arrested.

beaten.

whipped.

punched.

spit on.
stripped naked.
nailed.
suffocate to death.

But Jesus is thankful!

What is He thankful for? Jesus actually mentions it twice in verses 16-18 and tells us exactly what He is thankful for in the midst of His foreknowledge about what is to come. In both verse 16 and in verse 18, Jesus mentions the *“Kingdom of God.”* Jesus is thankful that the Kingdom of God is at hand and has arrived and will absolutely change life for His Creation.

The permanent presence of the Kingdom of God was ushered in when Jesus was born: The Kingdom of God means salvation from sins.

The Kingdom of God means forgiveness.

The Kingdom of God means freedom from guilt.

The Kingdom of God means an intimate relationship with God the Father is possible.

The Kingdom of God means the presence of the Holy Spirit.

The Kingdom of God means assurance of Heaven with God forever.

After Jesus and His disciples had been eating for a while, Jesus shifts the focus of the disciples to something new He wanted to do with them.

Something He wanted to do for them.

Something they would do on their own later.

While at this meal, Jesus instituted Communion, the Lord's Supper, the Eucharist, the Love Feast, or whatever you might want to call it. The Lord's Supper consists of two elements which have very important meanings.

PARTAKING OF THE BREAD

Verse 19 shares with us that while Jesus was sitting with His disciples, He took bread and had them eat. Now this was not just Jesus feeding them, but He said some very specific words relating to Him and relating to everything He was about to experience on the cross.

Jesus says *"this is my body, which is given for you."* Jesus wanted us to remember two things when it comes to the bread: The bread first symbolizes the body of Jesus. Jesus physically was beaten for us. Jesus physically

was nailed to a cross for us. Jesus endured much physical injury and pain for us. The physical suffering that Jesus endured for you and for me was no small thing, but quite significant. Therefore, we remember the bodily suffering and death of Jesus.

The bread secondly symbolizes Jesus' willingness to do this for us. Jesus endured a false trial for us. Jesus was beaten for us. Jesus stayed on the cross for us. All of what Jesus endured was for our benefit and had nothing to do with His needs. The purpose of Jesus' life, ministry, death, and resurrection were all for us that we might have the opportunity to have an active authentic relationship with God.

Hebrews 10:5-7 reminds us: *“Consequently, when Christ came into the world, He said, “Sacrifices and offerings You have not desired, but a body have You prepared for Me;*

6 in burnt offerings and sin offerings You have taken no pleasure. 7 Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God, as it is written of Me in the scroll of the book.'" (ESV).

PARTAKING OF THE CUP

Verse 20 shares with us that while Jesus was sitting with His disciples, He took a cup filled with wine (fruit of the vine) and had the disciples drink. Now this was not just Jesus giving them something to drink and helping with thirst, but rather He had some very specific words relating to Him and everything He was about to experience on the cross.

Jesus says, *"This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood."*

Jesus wanted us to remember two things when it comes to the cup: The cup, or rather

the juice or wine in the cup, symbolizes the blood of Jesus.

Death is the result of our sin. Blood has to pay for wrongdoing. Blood has to pay for errors. It is our blood that is required because we are the ones who have done wrong and erred. You owe God because of your sin. That is true and will always be true.

What is also true is that Jesus paid a substitutionary price for our sins. If you accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, He pays the price for your sin with His blood.

The cup... or rather the juice or wine in the cup... symbolizes the new covenant for which Jesus was the sacrifice.

The word covenant means “agreement.” The Old Agreement was outlined in the Old Testament and stipulated that the blood of

bulls and goats rolled back the sin of people until the next sacrifice which left the people temporarily holy.

The New Agreement (New Testament) stipulates that the blood of Jesus pays for the sin of the people as a sacrifice once and for all which leaves the people permanently holy. The New Covenant or the new agreement is directly tied to the blood of Jesus.

Hebrews 10:15-20 (ESV) reminds us: “And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, 16 “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,” 17 then He adds, I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” 18 Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. 19 Therefore, brothers, we have confidence to enter the holy places by

the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that He opened for us through the curtain, that is, through His flesh...”

Jesus must suffer in His body to pay for sin. Likewise, He must also give His blood to pay for sin.

Why does Cincinnati Christian Church observe the Lord’s Supper (communion) weekly?

We are so very thankful.

Jesus of Nazareth was a flesh and blood human being. He took on all that we are unto Himself. Fully. Completely. Jesus did not just appear to be human... He was human! This means on the cross a completely unique and sinless human being willingly died for the rest of us. His flesh was ripped and beaten. His blood flowed.

Not in theory.

Not maybe.

Actually.

We are so very thankful.

Take careful note of verse 22. Jesus of Nazareth says very specifically: “for the Son of Man goes as it has been determined.” Jesus is talking about Himself that whatever is about to happen to Him has been “determined.” The Greek word there means it has been “appointed” or “ordained.”

Who determined Jesus would bodily die?

Who set in motion blood flowing as the way of salvation?

Who appointed that an innocent Man should pay for the sins of all the guilty?

Jesus' death was not some cosmic balancing of the scales between good and evil. Jesus' physical death involving both flesh and blood was not a series of coincidences that led Him to the cross. And believe it or not, Jesus' death was not 100% predetermined for Jesus Himself had freewill as all of us do.

We believe in the will of the Eternal Holy God Almighty the Undisputed Righteous Maker of Heaven and Earth Who is the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. Christians believe in God's eternal will and it was God's eternal will that His Son come and die. It was also in God's permissive will that Jesus choose to willingly die for us.

It was God's will that His Son be born to die.

We are so very thankful.

As we think about the Lord's Supper, we must realize that the birth and life and death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is what makes Christianity different from all other religions or philosophies or perceived paths to God.

Jesus was and is God's One and Only Son Who was born so that He would willingly die on the cross for us. His birth began the process of a Perfect Human Being offering Himself for the imperfect. His life was sinless. His death is the key to everything that Jesus did with the disciples at that Last Supper.

Communion is celebrated weekly because our focus is on Jesus Christ. He is always our focus.

We believe that God incarnated Himself as a human being. His Name was and is Jesus.

We believe that Jesus lived a perfect sinless life.

We believe that Jesus willingly died on a cross for us taking on all our sin.

We believe that Jesus died to pay for our sins.

We believe that Jesus rose again proving His divinity and His victory over sin and death.

If you are already a Christian reading this, then this chapter is a great encouragement to you about all that Jesus Christ accomplished in the flesh at the cross. The cross contained an innocent beaten blood flowing person Who died for you.

If you are not a Christian reading this, then this chapter is very troublesome because Jesus was a historical flesh and blood Person Who was much more than you realize. He had

flesh and bone like you and I. He had blood like you and I. He willingly suffered in His body and His blood flowed for every terrible thing, thought, misdeed, carelessness, funk, and fiction you have ever lived.

Those are the spiritual and faith reasons we observe communion weekly.

There are other reasons as well. Scriptural ones:

Acts 2:42, 46 (ESV)

“And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers...

And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts.”

Acts 20:7 (ESV)

“On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them...”

This passage suggests that the early church practiced communion weekly.

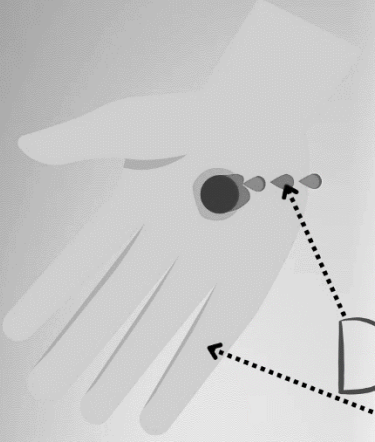
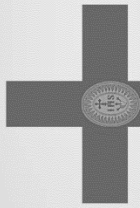
1 Corinthians 11:23–26 (ESV)

“For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it...In the same way also He took the cup... For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.”

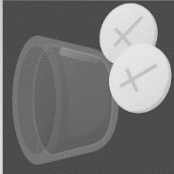
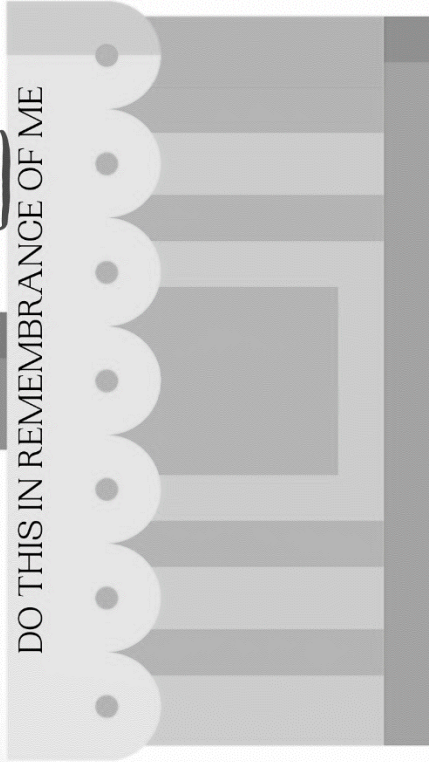
It is for these reasons CCC celebrates communion weekly. In summary, we believe it is a command in Scripture from Jesus Christ that every time we gather to worship we should remember Him in the manner He prescribed. So, we do.

Confess
Decide
Do
Examine
Focus
Listen
Meditate
Memory
Obey
Pray
Quiet
Read
Repent
Serious
Still
Think
Worship

Importance and Meaning of Communion



DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME



Communion
Eucharist
Love
Feast
Lord's
Supper

SOME COMMON COMMUNION TERMS DEFINED:

Bread: the little piece of food which represents Jesus' body

Cup: the juice which represents Jesus' blood

Eucharist: The Catholic term for communion

Meditation: a short-ish devotion before communion given by different leaders on a rotating basis before communion to help folks focus

The Lord's Supper: a common name for communion

Communion elements are located at the entrance of the sanctuary or at the entrance to the Big Room (on the first Sunday)

HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER OF CINCINNATI CHRISTIAN CHURCH?

Baptism by immersion.

Or, at the end of every worship service, there is a time of “invitation.” This is an open time for people to come forward to accept Jesus as Lord, to pray, to join with others in prayer, or to join the church. This is your time to come forward and place your membership.

The pastor or elder up front will double-check that you are an immersed believer.

He will ask you to repeat “the good confession:” “I believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of the Living God and I have already accepted Him as my Lord and as my Savior” [or some words close to this in short phrases]. The pastor or elder will pray for you. That’s it!

HOW CAN I GROW IN MY FAITH?

“ABIDE IN CHRIST”

“**Abide in Me**, and I in you.

As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it **abides** in the vine, neither can you, unless you **abide** in Me.

I am the vine; you are the branches.

Whoever **abides** in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not **abide** in Me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.”

John 15:4-6 ESV

discipleship

believing loyalty

faithfulness

Everyone is a little bit different. Growing in faith in the Bible is described in many ways (with different metaphors):

Tree Planted by Water: Psalm 1:3 compares a faithful person to a tree planted by streams of water, yielding fruit in season and not

withering, symbolizing spiritual nourishment and steady growth.

Mustard Seed: Matthew 17:20 & Luke 13:18-19 describe faith as a mustard seed, which starts small but grows into a large tree, emphasizing that even a little faith can grow into something great.

Vine and the Branches: John 15:5 depicts Jesus as the vine and believers as the branches, illustrating how spiritual growth depends on remaining connected to Christ.

Building a House on a Rock: Matthew 7:24-27 compares faith to building a house on a solid foundation, showing that spiritual growth involves stability and wisdom in following God's word.

Running a Marathon Race: Hebrews 12:1-2 & 1 Corinthians 9:24-25 describe faith as a race,

requiring endurance, discipline, and focus on Christ as the goal.

Milk to Solid Food: Hebrews 5:12-14 & 1 Corinthians 3:1-2 compare spiritual growth to progressing from drinking milk to eating solid food, signifying maturity in understanding and applying God's word.

Growing Seeds: Matthew 13:1-23 shows how faith develops based on the condition of a person's heart, like seeds thriving or failing depending on the soil.

Refining Gold in Fire: 1 Peter 1:7 describes faith being tested and purified like gold in fire, symbolizing spiritual growth through trials.

Which one resonates with you the most?

HOW DOES THE MINISTER NORMALLY PREACH?

The current Senior Minister usually preaches for about 25-30 minutes from a passage of the Bible. He usually does this in series of 3-5 weeks and then moves to another topic/passage. You can listen to past sermons on our website.

HOW DO I BECOME A CHRISTIAN?

Acts 2:36-38 (from the Bible) says, "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." 37 When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" 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."

FAITH: This is more than just agreeing that something is true. It involves commitment and deep trust. It is something we build our lives around and becomes the center of our worldview. You must believe and trust that Jesus is the Christ, the son of the Living God and is our Lord and Savior.

REPENTANCE: You must recognize that you have sinned (missed the mark) and have been separated from God. Through sin we alienate ourselves from God and from other people. We have disobeyed God. You must confess this freely and vow to turn from that way of living. Sorrow is part of this. Apology to God.

BAPTISM: Offer yourself for baptism by immersion. This represents death to your old self, burial, and resurrection to a new life in Jesus Christ. This is also reminiscent of the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John

the Baptist. It is the baptism practiced by the early church.

FORGIVENESS: Forgiveness comes at baptism. We fully accept the forgiveness of God for all that we have done. Daily we continue to ask God for forgiveness for we recognize ourselves as sinful by nature and desire to have God cleanse us from those things that keep us from Him and His blessings.

HOLY SPIRIT: The Holy Spirit then commences in every believer after baptism into the Church, the Living Body of Christ. The Holy Spirit becomes our Comforter, Counselor, and Sustainer and helps us to remember all the things that Jesus has taught and continues to teach us daily.

If you **BELIEVE** in your soul that Jesus is the Christ the Son of the Living God and you **CONFESS** with your mouth that you are a

sinner in need of grace, then becoming a Christian means SURRENDERING TO JESUS to be born again; adopted into God's Kingdom by way of water baptism.

You may come forward at the end of any service to talk more with a minister or elder about faith or come forward at the end of any service to make your confession and be immersed.

FIVE REASONS TO WORSHIP WEEKLY

1 GOD IS WORTH YOUR TIME

Yes, there are many things you could do on Sundays other than worship, but what is more important? How we spend our time communicates what is important to us. How important is God to you?



2 #LEGACY

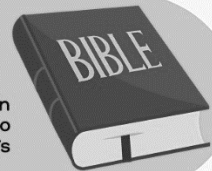
Our children and grandchildren learn from us what is important and what is not. When we put sports or work above God on a regular basis, we are building a legacy in those things and not in God.

3 HABIT

Build a habit of faith on a regular basis so it becomes part of who you are. Are you a person of faith or not? Your habits will tell the truth in all areas of life.

4 IT IS BIBLICAL

From the earliest days of Christianity, believers in Jesus met together frequently and in community to worship together. It is the way it is done. It is God's will that His people meet together regularly.



5 IT IS A STATEMENT OF FAITH

We all know that nothing in this world is sacred. Nothing means anything really in this terrible world. Regularly meeting for worship is a statement of faith that God is real and Jesus is the Savior.



THE IDENTITY OF JESUS OF NAZARETH ✝

PROBLEM:
 Jesus of Nazareth claimed to be God and was executed for those claims.
 It is unreasonable to treat Jesus as merely a great moral teacher while dismissing His divine claims.

POSSIBLE SOLUTION: LIAR
 Jesus knew He wasn't God and deliberately misled people.

FAKE

POSSIBLE SOLUTION: LUNATIC
 Jesus genuinely believed He was God, but was delusional or insane.

FAKE

POSSIBLE SOLUTION: LORD
 Jesus was in fact Who He claimed to be... the Son of God.

TRUE



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WHY IS BAPTISM SO IMPORTANT?

CONCEPT ONE

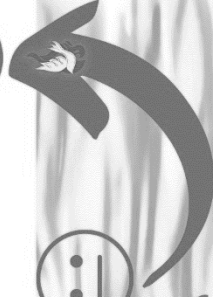
IMMERSION INTO CHRIST

CONCEPT TWO

DEATH OF CHRIST



WE spiritually die & rise out of the water
essential for salvation

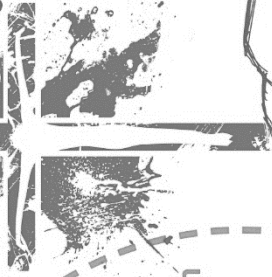


buried
with HIM
in baptism
raised to
walk in a
brand new
life

Similarities



JESUS physically died & rose again
essential for salvation



MARK 16:16 | JOHN 3:5 | ACTS 2:36-38 | ACTS 22:16 | ROMANS 6:3-5 | 1 CORINTHIANS 10:2 | COLOSSIANS 2:11-12 | HEBREWS 10:22 | 1 PETER 3:21

LITTLE BIT MORE EXPLANATION...

Sunday Morning: Prayer

We gather at 9:00am every Sunday to pray for the church service and the Sunday school teachers and the music and the communion meditation and the sermon. We pray that people would get out of bed and be spurred by the Holy Spirit to worship Him. We pray for the offering. We praise God quite a bit. If you don't know how to pray, come and learn how. If you can't come every week, perhaps make the commitment to come on a particular Sunday each month. Prayer is an essential part of being a disciple of Jesus Christ and if you are not praying with us on Sundays, we invite you to make the weekly commitment to pray as Sunday begins.

Sunday Morning: Sunday School

Every Sunday at 9:30am all over the building we have small groups that meet to study the

Bible. There are Sunday School small groups for every age from one-day-old to one-foot-in-the-grave. It is 45 minutes where a lesson is presented, discussed, and people have the opportunity to go deeper into the Bible.

Sunday School is convenient in that it is right here and right before the morning worship service. There really is no reason not to come. Studying the Bible is an essential part of being a disciple of Jesus Christ and if you are not attending a Sunday School group, you are invited to make the weekly commitment to study the Bible with others at 9:30am.

Sunday Morning: Worship

Every Sunday at 10:30am we gather for worship. Some would say that they can be a Christian without coming to church, but they would be wrong.

Our 10:30am gathering is about worshipping God in song and praying in the Spirit, giving back to God in tithes and offerings, focusing on Jesus Christ at communion, listening and taking in God's Word through a sermon, and encouraging one another.

You can't do that if you aren't at church.

Regular church attendance means these days 1 out of 4 Sundays... but we would like to invite you to make the weekly commitment to worship God with other Christians on a regular basis 4 out of 4 Sundays.

Make God the #1 priority of your life. Corporate worship is an essential part of being a disciple of Jesus Christ and if you are not attending church services on a regular basis, we invite you to make the weekly commitment to worship with others at 10:30am.

Sunday Night: D-Groups

We meet weekly for Discipleship Groups (D-Groups) on Sunday Nights at 630pm. Here at our church, a D-Group is a group of 3-4 people who read the same Scriptures Monday through Saturday and then discuss them on Sunday nights.

It is a phenomenal way to grow up in faith, sharpen yourself and others in faith, and to meet other people.

Studying the Bible is an essential part of being a disciple of Jesus Christ and if you are not digging into D-Groups on Sunday nights, we invite you to make the weekly investment to study the Bible with others at 6:30pm.

Seasonal Women's Bible Studies (Tuesdays)

Seasonally, there are ladies' Bible studies on Tuesday nights that are designed to encourage you in your faith and dig deep into

the Bible. Watch the bulletin for details about these studies.

Studying the Bible is an essential part of being a disciple of Jesus Christ and ladies if you are willing and able, we invite you to make the commitment to study the Bible with other ladies on Tuesday nights.

Wednesday Night: Bible Studies & Youth Group

Wednesday Nights the church is usually open and hopping. The Middle and High School students start meeting at 6:30pm with games and food.

Adults and Kids start meeting at 7:00pm with Bible studies and the Youth switch to Bible studies as well.

Studying the Bible is an essential part of being a disciple of Jesus Christ no matter what age

you are and so we invite you to make the commitment to study the Bible weekly with others on Wednesday Nights.

Monthly: Men's Breakfast and Book Study

Every first Saturday of the month men gather to have a solid wonderful breakfast and to study and read a book together. Sometimes it is a Christian book and sometimes it is a book of the Bible.

Men meet from 8:00am to about 9:15am. Men are called to sharpen one another as iron sharpens iron and so men, we invite you to make the once-a-month commitment to meet with other men to study the Bible and be encouraged in your walk with Christ.

Weekly and Monthly: Serving in the Church

Part of growing up in faith is not just studying the Bible and praying, but also serving using the gifts and talents that God has given us.

Serving one another allows our faith to be stretched and many times put into practice.

STATEMENTS OF FAITH FROM PEOPLE AT CINCINNATI CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Angelia Carter

I remain steadfast in my commitment to my faith, undeterred by any challenges that may arise. I confess and publicly affirm my devotion to my Savior, Jesus Christ, who serves as my guiding light, my salvation, and my eternal companion. I have complete trust in His unwavering love and presence, believing that He will never abandon me. With unwavering desire, I will follow Him every step of the way, empowered by the promise of eternal life with Him.

Jacque Whaley

I believe The Bible is The Light which guides me through the rough times. When struggles begin to overwhelm, I find peace and comfort in reading The Word. I trust The Holy Spirit guides me, comforts me, and nudges me into

actions when I am struggling. Above all: I believe Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior and I will abide in Him all the days of my life. For all Jesus has done for me, I need to be better and do better.

Rebecca Kaufman

- I believe that the Holy God of the Universe created me! The Eternal God, The One Who Has Always Been and Always Will Be cared enough to create little me in His Image. Imago Dei.
- I believe in One God, the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit — all present at creation.
- I believe that God so loved the world that He sent His One and Only Son to be the Perfect Atoning Sacrifice for my (our) sin.
- I believe that I am indeed a sinner, saved by my Savior's voluntary, oh so loving(!) sacrificial death on the cross and subsequent resurrection.

- I believe that I am bought with the precious blood of Christ, and therefore, am not my own. I am chosen, called, justified, being sanctified daily, and looking forward to my glorification!
- I believe that I am a new creation and my citizenship is in Heaven. I have been rescued from the kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of His Glorious Light.
- I believe that I am a child of God, adopted into His family, and thus, co-heir with Christ. How GREAT is the LOVE the Father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God!
- I believe that nothing can separate me from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus, my Lord.
- I believe that I am God's masterpiece, created with the purpose of glorifying my Father in Heaven with good works prepared in advance for me to do.

- I believe that the Spirit of the Risen Lord is in me and enables me to understand Scripture and to discern things in the world correctly.
- I believe this Spirit leads me into all Truth and assists my prayers and also enables me to sing in tongues.
- I believe the Spirit facilitates fellowship among the saints regardless of cultural/geographical barriers. Unity, like-mindedness and love among believers is extremely important and a powerful witness.
- I believe Jesus, my great High Priest, is sitting at the right hand of the Father, and lives daily to intercede for me.
- I believe that everything that happens to me (and others) is sifted through my Heavenly Father's all-powerful, all-wise, most loving hands, regardless of how I feel about it.
- I believe I am more than a conqueror through Him Who Loves Me, and that greater is He Who is in me, than he who is in the world.

- I believe the Bible is Truth and the inspired Word of God, living and active, and I love teaching others the Good News!
- I believe Jesus is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. He will return as Judge. This earth will cease to exist, but a new heaven and a new earth will be our dwelling place. Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
- I believe that now I see as through a glass dimly, but then I will see face to face and know fully, even as I am fully known. CAN NOT WAIT! Hallelujah! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

Shella Newell

I am fully committed to the Trinity. No one ever could convince me that They do not exist. I believe Jesus is the only true way for life eternal with Him. I believe your eternal life starts the day that you accept Jesus as

Lord. I confess Jesus is the only way to God. Nothing can ever change my mind ever! Ever since 1991, my life has been committed to Christ by telling, teaching, and leading people to Christ. My biggest desire ever is to see all of my family truly know and commit to Jesus! Also, maybe married again to someone who is a committed Christian man!

Ella Carter

My statement of faith shows God's love. John 3:16: For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Brenda Hanners

I, Brenda Hanners, affirm that I believe in God and that He is the one and only God. I also affirm that I need Him in my life and to lead the way for me.

I believe that He has been with me throughout my entire life. I could name so many times that He has been with me even showing me my soulmate in Steve way back in 1969 at age 15. He was with us through our 50 years of marriage through personal and work-related issues. I also believe that God has watched over me during all 8 times that I've had two different types of cancer along with all of the other health issues I have/had.

I confess that I am not perfect and that I am a sinner. I try my best and know that I can still do better to be the person He wants me to be. I need God in my life to help show me the way so I may become more like Him.

I commit my life to Him and give Him all power over me. I know that He will guide me through every aspect of my life if I let Him. I commit to try my best to honor Him in all I do.

My desire is to serve Him and to be able to bring at least one person to Him. I desire to let Him shine in my life and for Him to give me the right words to say and/or things to do so that others may see Him in me. I desire to live with Him for eternity when He calls me home.

Jim Carter

I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of the Almighty God. He suffered and died for my sins. He was resurrected from the grave. It's my responsibility to live a life that exemplifies my Savior and be ready for His return at any time.

Peighton Quimby

I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and my Savior. I believe in the Bible, God's Word. Therefore, I believe what He says to me. I believe Him when He says that there is a room for me in His house. I believe Him when

He says nothing I can do can separate me from His love. I believe Him when He says even through all the highs and lows of life I will go through, the ones I have not yet seen, He will uphold me with His righteous right hand. When I have days that anxiousness and doubt creep in, I will remind myself what I believe.

Billie Fultz

I affirm that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and my Savior!

I believe that through His death and resurrection, I have been forgiven.

I confess that I have fallen short, but His love has covered my sins

I commit to trusting in His Word, and seeking Him daily through prayer.

I desire to know Him more deeply, to serve Him, and to reflect His love in everything I do.

Michele Walters

I believe that Jesus is our Lord and Savior. His blood was shed on the cross to cover all of our sins. We must repent of our sins and be baptized. We must live a Godly life and help people find and follow Jesus.

Nathan Miller

I believe God is the Creator of heaven and earth. All things are possible through His Son Jesus; for He came to earth to teach, inspire us about God and ultimately die for our sins. For future generations, we would know that God loves everyone, and we must repent for our sins and be baptized in His name to be reunited with Him in heaven.

Dannie Walters

Now I'm not a great scholar of the Scriptures as some, but simply put I am not capable of saving myself from sin, so the only possible way I can be saved is by accepting Jesus as

my Savior and believing in the resurrection. God's grace makes it all possible.

Patti Quimby

I believe in a living, eternal God, Who exists in three Persons; Father, Son & Holy Spirit. I believe that Jesus came to this earth, born of a virgin. Was fully Man and fully God. His sacrifice on the cross provided salvation for those who believe in Him. He was resurrected on the third day and later ascended to Heaven. He sent the Holy Spirit to dwell with believers as a Helper. To guide and convict, to sanctify us. The Word of God testifies to this truth. Because I believe these truths, I've been reconciled to God. I am His child. I will forever be with Him someday.

Amy Rogers

I believe God the Father and Jesus the Son love me and forgive me. I believe the Holy Spirit is in me and gives me strength and

hope. I am bound for Heaven because of my faith in Them.

Page DeFur

I am a daughter of the King! I believe that my Father's Ways are perfect. I confess that I have not always trusted His leading, nor His timing but I commit to leaning in closer to Him and trying to trust Him more. I want to be led by the Holy Spirit. I want to live peacefully, serve God, encourage other believers, and lead those around me to a relationship with my Father through Jesus. I want my children to love the Lord and to know the joy and peace that He brings.

JT Jordan

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and

was buried. He descended into Hell [sheol]; on the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

Dan Wilson

I affirm that there is evidence of God working in the lives of humankind, and believe in the work He put into motion for the salvation of man, and confess that Jesus is that plan of redemption, He lives, and is my Savior.

I commit to live a life of faith - Galatians 2:20

I commit to seek opportunity - Galatians 6:10

I desire to live by the wisdom of God - Ps 51:6

I desire to live in joy - Ecclesiastes 2:24

I desire to live in peace - Romans 12v18

I desire to live a good life - Matthew 25:23

Troy Borst

I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God and I fully accept Him as Prophet, Priest, and King.

Lilly Beasley

I am the LORD's to use. I will go where He sends me and I am obedient to His will. Jesus said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." I will be a laborer the saints prayed for.

Kelly Borst

I believe in the One true God, Maker of Heaven and Earth, Jesus Christ, His Son and the Holy Spirit, my Counselor and Helper. They are my Savior, my Advocate, my Strength, my Rescue, my Hope, my LORD, my Peace, my King, and my Friend. Jesus is everything I need and I want Him to be the only thing I want. I commit to loving the Lord most, serving Him with my life and saying yes to Him, His church, and His people. Build Your Kingdom. Bear much fruit as I abide in You

and call me back to You when I drift. All I am is Yours. I love You.

Mary Brinegar

I affirm Jesus Christ is the Son of our Living God

I believe that nothing is impossible through Jesus Christ

I confess my sins, my daily failing to my Lord and Savior

I commit to do better as a Christian

I desire to be like Jesus.

Jane Adams

- I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. I believe that Jesus was born of a virgin, died on the cross and was resurrected. I believe that Christ died for the sins of us all, that we might have an eternal home with Him if we accept Him as our Savior.
- I believe that God/Christ/Holy Spirit are with me every day, all day. They are there

for my needs and my guidance in all that I say and do, and there is no condemnation from them.

- I believe that I am loved unconditionally by my Heavenly Father, and that one day, I will be with Him in Heaven.

Clark Holmes

Standing firm in the Truth of God's Word, I affirm that in fulfillment of the Scriptures, Jesus the Christ, Son of God, died for our sins and rose again on the third day, conquering death. Despite my sinful nature, through faith in Him, I am saved, receive the Holy Spirit, and the gift of everlasting life. I therefore go, my foundation on the rock of Jesus Christ, walking in Truth and love, following the call to share this Gospel to the world.

Bryan Davis

I believe Jesus, beyond all doubt, is exactly Who He said He was. The Father, Son, and

Holy Spirit make up God. All Three have always been, is, and always will be. Everything created was created by God. Jesus came to Earth, lived, and died, and rose from the dead! The One and Only Way is Jesus to be redeemed from our sins through Him. He is coming again! Count on it! 100%. He's coming!

Andy Brough

I believe there is one true God, who exhibits Himself in three Persons, Who created the universe and all in it. He is perfect in every way, and had put man in place with free will and wanted nothing more than to have a relationship with men. Man rebelled against God. And in a classic case of counterintuitive action, God still loved men and redeemed them through the sacrifice of His Son. And God still grants men free will to not accept this gift of redemption. But anyone that

repents and turns back to God can have everlasting life, which is knowing Him fully.

Kristian Beasley

John 14:6, "Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.'" This is all encompassing of our beliefs as Christians.

Ashley Brandt

God is the Almighty! He designed us to be His disciples and through His blanket of love and protection He provides lessons, strength, and never gives us more than we can handle. He designed us to never fear so with that said I also live by the saying of, "Faith Over Fear." There are a plethora of verses in the Bible urging us to never fear...Deuteronomy 31:6, Isaiah 41:10, Joshua 1:9. I have stared down the barrel of a 50 cal while on deployment in the Middle East, I have experienced familial hardships, and abuse. He has been with me

and guided me in every step of my life and for that, I am thankful and do not fear.

Pauline McGuire

I believe: That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God and my Savior.

I affirm: God is who He says He is.

God can do what He says He can do.

I am who God says I am.

I can do all things through Christ.

God's word is alive and active in me.

Jacob Newell

- I know there is only one God Who created all, is in all, over all, and loves all.
- I know humans are God's creation and were designed to live in Holy and Perfect communion with God. Adam and Eve brought sin into the world through their disobedience. This sin caused separation between humans and God. This allowed humans to become extremely selfish and caused us to have the

natural desire to only think of our own personal survival.

- I know God loves us so much He sent a part of Himself in the form of His Son (Jesus) to Earth. He did this with the foreknowledge His Perfect Son would willingly go with the understanding he would be rejected, ridiculed, tortured, and murdered so ALL might live eternally in this Holy and Perfect communion with God.

- I know God has sent the Holy Spirit which is God's personal indwelling presence in the world and in the lives of those who follow God.

- I know Jesus taught or reminded us to love God with all our heart, and with all our soul, and with all our minds, and to love our neighbor as ourself. Jesus adds that these two acts fulfill all the Old Testament laws and prophets.

- I know that Jesus wants his followers to go to all parts of the world teaching others

about Him, and then train them to be disciples. He wants us to Baptize all believers in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?

DEFINITIONS OF SOME CHURCHY TERMS

The language in Church can be hard to figure out if you don't go a lot or are new... or even if you skip around churches. Here are some common terms and what they mean.

Apostle: handpicked man by Jesus to lead His Church. Important because many of the Apostles (Matthew, John, Peter, Paul) were inspired by the Holy Spirit to write Scriptures down. Our church teaches that the 'office' of Apostle died with the first apostles and there are not apostles today.

Baptism: Submersion in water signifying one's confession of faith that Jesus is the Christ for the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Important because baptism is the entrance into the Kingdom of God when we are born again of the water and the Spirit (John 3). It is at baptism we confess Jesus and

are forgiven and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Bible: The infallible collection of books inspired by God that tell the story of how God saved humanity through history. For Christians, it is divided into the Old Testament and the New Testament. Important because our faith is not based on the teachings of a human being, but rather on the Word of God and His true dealings with people throughout verifiable history.

Christian: A follower of Jesus Christ who has trusted Jesus as Savior and Lord. Trusting in Jesus as Lord and Savior is the only way for salvation (John 3:16, John 14:6, Acts 4:12) and fellowship with God only comes through Jesus.

Christ: The title of Jesus (not His last name) meaning He is the One God promised to send

to save us from our sins. Same word as 'Messiah.' Important because Jesus was not an accident, but The Plan.

Church Membership: Saying you identify with the church and agree with its teaching and want to join in ministering and helping with that local body. Important to have a group to grow with in your faith in Jesus Christ. Becoming a member means you will volunteer to serve in the church; volunteer in the community seeking to spread the Gospel; tithe to the church on a regular basis; attend services, small groups, and other events regularly; agree with the doctrine and teachings of the church; will not encourage others in the church in sinful lifestyles; and accept the leadership of church leaders. In our church, members are only baptized believers.

Confess: To admit, to make known about yourself, to declare faith. Important because Christians confess Jesus and confess sin and seek the forgiveness of God through Christ (Psalms 32:3-4, Romans 10:9-10, James 5:16, 1 John 1:6-9).

Cross: Jesus was killed by being nailed and hung on pieces of wood called a cross. Important because the suffering of Jesus and His death on the cross is our means of forgiveness of sin (Romans 5:8, Galatians 2:20, Hebrews 12:1-2)

Doctrine: A teaching, a position in a body of teachings, a fundamental principle. Important to know what you believe and why because the world offers other philosophies and ways that lead to hurt and death. See Colossians 2:8, Titus 2:1 and 1 Timothy 4:16 and 2 Timothy 4:3.

Faith: Allegiance to someone/something, belief and trust, belief in the unseen. Important because it is our faith in Jesus Christ that saves us. (John 3:16, Ephesians 2:8, Hebrews 11:1-6)

God: The only Almighty All-Knowing Eternal Creator of the Universe and Architect of life. Important because we are not the center of the universe and are not accidents of nature. A personal God created us to know Him. See Romans 1:20-21.

Grace: Undeserved divine favor and mercy. Important because we can neither earn our way into a relationship with God nor can we luck into it. It is only because God divinely sets aside wrath for grace that we can be saved. See Romans 5:8 and Ephesians 2:8.

Heaven: God's home and the place promised to believers after Judgment Day. Important

because we are created beings who have the opportunity to be with God forever where He is. The afterlife exists and it is promised to be great beyond imagining. Revelation 21-22 is one such description.

Hell: The place of punishment for eternity where God is not. Important because those who do not accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior will not be in the presence of God. Separation from God is the certainty. Luke 16:19-31 is one such description.

Holy Spirit: God's Spirit given to believers as a companion in life (some people say Holy Ghost... same thing). Important because Jesus did not leave us alone in life, but promised that God would be with believers. The Holy Spirit guides, connects us with God, rebukes us, enhances our natural conscience, reminds us of Bible verses, helps us understand the

Bible, and leads us to truth. He is God. See John 14:15-17.

Justification: The complete forgiveness Jesus offers because of His death on the cross. Important because we need complete forgiveness of our sins from Jesus. We cannot do it on our own. Forgiveness of sins is complete and total. See Romans 5:1, 10:10, Titus 3:7

Lord: In referring to Jesus... means that He is in control and directs one's life. Important because obedience shows love and ties us in with the way of living Jesus taught. A believer is not only 'saved,' but also lives a particular way under the rule of Jesus. Luke 6:46.

Messiah: The title of Jesus meaning He is the One God promised to send to save us from our sins. Same word as 'Christ.' Important

because Jesus was not an accident, but The Plan.

Repent: Turning from sin, a choice not to sin the next time one is tempted. Important because we must recognize that we have sinned (missed the mark) and have been separated from God. Through sin we alienate ourselves from God and from other people. We have disobeyed God. We confess this freely and vow to turn from sin. See Matthew 3:2 and Acts 2:38.

Righteousness: Acting in accord with God's will, being good. Important because it really does matter how you live. Your attitudes are important. Your thought life is important. We identify with Jesus and live His way and not any 'ol way we want. Righteousness is our complete goal and motivation. See Psalm 1, 119:7, Habakkuk 2:4, Romans 14:17, 2 Timothy 2:22, 1 John 3:10.

Salvation: State of being saved, eternal promise of Heaven forever with God. Important because the natural state of a human being is sinful, lost, and doomed to destruction away from God (Genesis 3:22, Psalm 51:5, Romans 3:10-18, 5:12, 1 John 1:8-10). Everyone sins and needs salvation of their soul. The eternal promise comes by way of Jesus Christ.

Sanctification: The life-long process of becoming less sinful and more Christ-like. Important because becoming a believer in Jesus is not a one-time decision or event. Walking with Jesus daily and discipleship (other words for sanctification) are a constant process of becoming more righteous as patterns of Christ's teachings are adopted. It is not automatic. See 1 Thessalonians 5:23, Galatians 2:20, 1 Peter 2:2)

Saved: Accepting that all sins are forgiven and paid for by Jesus' death on the cross. Important because the natural state of a human being is sinful, lost, and doomed to destruction away from God (Genesis 3:22, Psalm 51:5, Romans 3:10-18, 5:12, 1 John 1:8-10). Everyone sins and needs salvation of their soul. The eternal promise comes by way of Jesus Christ.

Savior: Jesus Christ... is the Savior by taking all humans' place on the cross. Important because believing that Jesus of Nazareth is Who He said He is and did what He said He would do is the basis of saving faith. He Himself did the penalty paying for sin and offers the full payment to people who accept Him in faith. See Titus 3:3-8.

Sin: All wrongdoing either against God or against others. Important because Adam and Eve (the first people) used free will to do

what they wanted against what God had said was right. They did wrong. They erred. Sin separated human beings from God. We ruined everything. Sinful people could no longer interact with the Holy God. Sickness happened. Thorns and storms and disasters happened. See Genesis 1-3, Romans 3:23, Galatians 5:13-26, and James 1:4.

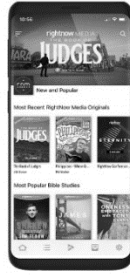
Soul: The eternal part of a person that will live on after death. Important because human beings are made in the image of God (Genesis 1:27) and part of that image is the soul. People are created, but have the opportunity to spend eternity with God or away from God.

Testimony: The story of how a person came to believe in Jesus. Important because the real life experience of a person of how they came to know Jesus Christ is the manner in which faith is passed from one person to another. Sharing faith is essential so that

others know about Jesus. Related to the words 'witness,' 'witnessing,' and 'evangelism.' Matthew 10:32, Luke 12:8.

Washed in the Blood: a symbolic phrase meaning that a person has accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior and His blood pays for their sins. Important because only the blood of Jesus covers over sin. This is a metaphor for the forgiveness of sins used often in the Bible. See Romans 3:25, Ephesians 2:13, Hebrews 9:14.

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A SUMMARY

We are a family of believers in Jesus Christ, the One and only Son of God. It is our aim to help you find Jesus and once you have found Him, to grow in your relationship with God.

Our mission: “Helping People Find and Follow Jesus”

We are seeking to do this through three primary avenues:

COMMUNITY. In our church family, all people are loved and challenged to grow into the likeness of Jesus. Our family seeks each day to be people who love God and love each other by expressing that love through service in Christ. Our personal connections with each other help our faith.

COMMITMENT. Christianity is a committed lifestyle based on a relationship with Jesus Christ. A relationship with God is like any other relationship even though He is not like anything else! We must put in time talking with Him, effort in studying the Bible, and have the will to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ. We take this seriously.

CALLING. God equips those who love Him and follow Him to serve and love those around them. He calls each of us in different ways to lead others to find Jesus and to disciple those who are in the faith. We want to help you fulfill that calling.