

SECTION 15: ORDINANCES

Paragraph A: The Number

We believe that our Lord Jesus Christ has left two (2) ordinances to be observed by the Church in commemoration of His person and work: water baptism and the Lord's Supper. They are not to be regarded, however, as a means of salvation, nor a means of grace by which special merit is obtained.

Paragraph B: Water Baptism

We believe those professing saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as a personal Savior should be baptized by the pastor or some person authorized by the church, immersed in water in accordance with the Scriptural teaching, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit in accordance with the scriptural teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is a picture of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ and one dying to self and his former life and rising again to a new life in Christ.

Mark 1:9-11; Acts 2:38, 41; 8:36-39; 10:47-48; Romans 6:1-5

Paragraph C: The Lord's Supper

We believe the Lord's Supper (Communion) should be regularly observed by the assembled church as scripturally set forth. All those who have trusted Jesus Christ as personal Savior and are walking in fellowship with the Lord shall be welcome to join in this observance.

Matthew 26:26-30; 28:19; I Corinthians 11:23-29