

WE
BELIEVE



A black and white photograph of a hammer, a chisel, and a pencil lying on a light-colored surface. The hammer is on the right, the chisel is in the middle, and the pencil is on the left. The background is a textured, light-colored surface.

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Ordinance = **ordained or commanded by Jesus**



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¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."



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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."

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13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. 14 But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

*15 Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; **it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.**" Then John consented.*

16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

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³⁸ And Peter said to them, *“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.* ³⁹ *For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”*

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¹² But *when they believed Philip* as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, *they were baptized*, both men and women. ¹³ Even Simon himself *believed*, and after being baptized he continued with Philip. And seeing signs and great miracles performed, he was amazed.

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Romans 6:3-4

³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

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Note: it is not the water that cleanses us from sin (Mt 15:11; Eph 2:8-9)

Colossians 2:11-14

¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.



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A memorial meal for believers in Jesus – recipients of this new covenant of God's grace.

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3. DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

3.1 The Doctrines of the Church shall be:

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3.1.4 The fallen, sinful and lost estate of all mankind.

3.1.5 The salvation of people from the consequences and the power of sin through the perfect obedience of the Lord Jesus Christ, His atoning death, His resurrection from the dead, His ascension to the right hand of the Father and His unchanging Priesthood.

3.1.6 The immediate work of the Holy Spirit in the regeneration of people, in their sanctification and in their preservation to the heavenly kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ.

3.1.7 The necessity, in order to obtain salvation, of repentance towards God, and of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

3.1.8 The resurrection of the dead, and the final judgement of all people by the Lord Jesus Christ.

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