

9—Water Baptism & the Lord's Supper

"What We Believe"

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"We believe that water baptism in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, according to the command of our Lord,¹ is a blessed outward sign of an inward work;² a beautiful and solemn emblem reminding us that even as our Lord died upon the cross of Calvary so we reckon ourselves now dead indeed unto sin,³ and the old nature nailed to the tree with Him;⁴ and that even as He was taken down from the tree and buried, so we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we should walk in newness of life."⁵—*Compiled by A. S. McPherson*

1. Matthew 28:19

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

2. 1 Peter 3:21

And this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God.

3. Romans 6:10-11

The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

4. Romans 6:6

For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with.

5. Romans 6:4

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

"We believe in the commemoration and observing of the Lord's supper by the sacred use of the broken bread,⁶ a precious type of the Bread of Life, even Jesus Christ, whose body was broken for us;⁷ and by the juice of the vine, a blessed type which should ever remind the participant of the shed blood of the Savior⁸ who is the true vine of which His children are the branches;⁹ that this ordinance is a glorious rainbow that spans the gulf of years between Calvary and the coming of the Lord, when in the Father's kingdom, He will partake anew with His children;¹⁰ and that the serving and receiving of this blessed sacrament should be ever preceded by the most solemn heart-searching, self-examination, forgiveness and love toward all men, that none partake unworthily and drink condemnation to his own soul."¹¹—*Compiled by A. S. McPherson*

6. 1 Corinthians 11:23-24

The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me."

7. John 6:35

"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

8. 1 Corinthians 11:25

In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

9. John 15:5

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

10. Matthew 26:29

"I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

11. 1 Corinthians 11:28-29

Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves.