

V. GOD OFFERS SALVATION THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

Salvation is deliverance from spiritual death and enslavement by sin. God provides salvation for all who believe and accept His free offer of _____, through the blood of Jesus Christ [God's son].

The experience of salvation is received as a person _____ and has faith on Jesus.

Repentance involves 3 elements:

1. **Intellectual:** A change of perspective in regards to God, to sin, and ourself. Psalms 51:3-4, Romans 3:20, Psalms 51:10

2. **Emotional:** Sin has commonly been described as an anguish or shame before God because of sin. 2 Corinthians 7:9-10

3. **Will:** There must be a willingness factor in order for repentance to be effective. The story of the Prodigal son in Luke 15.

Faith deals with the _____ that, the _____ and _____ of Jesus Christ removes and brings forgiveness for sins. Hebrews 11:1. **Faith also has 3 elements:**

1. **Intellectual:** Faith must be based in the knowledge of God. We can say, when I **read** the Word of God it produces faith, when I **hear** the word of God it produces faith, when I **quote** and **meditate** on the word of God it produces faith. Romans 10:17

2. **Emotional:** Joy from an _____ of the soul happens, when we acknowledge our salvation.

3. **Will:** Willfully we surrender our heart to Jesus in a full acceptance of Jesus as Lord and Savior. James 2:17, Luke 15:18-20 The prodigal son returns to the father.

Regeneration, renewal, and justification, _____ [or made right with God] are words describing what happens at salvation. **Evidence of Salvation:** Inner evidence (Romans 8:16-17) and Outward evidence (Ephesians 4:22-24 or Ephesians 4:17-24)

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS DOCTRINE

The relationship between God and mankind was hindered by sin; its restoration is the central message of the Bible. The entire story from Genesis through revelation points to a God who loves us a fallen humanity. He loves us so much that he gave his son to die in ransom that those who believe in Jesus Christ and His work of providing salvation might have never ending spiritual life. Every true Christian, experiences salvation and becomes a new person in Christ. Without this doctrinal truth, all other doctrinal statements are empty and without meaning. More importantly without this experience, life is empty and without a real meaning.

ANSWER KEY: forgiveness, repents, fact, death, resurrection, awakening, justified. (Please look up/read all scriptural references)

VI. OUR CHURCH PRACTICES TWO ORDINANCES

Our church chooses to call Water Baptism and Holy Communion ordinances because they are religious practices ordained and established by Jesus Christ Himself. In fulfilling the spiritual duties, Christians are _____ of an important work that has already taken place in the heart of the believer.

Baptism in Water is the ordinance of baptism by _____ in water [not sprinkling] is commanded in scripture. Mark 16:16, Romans 6:4. All who repent and believe in Jesus Christ as personal Savior and Lord _____ be baptized.

In the book of Acts, we see that there is **no such thing as an unbaptized believer**. We see in the book of Acts an _____ for new believers to be baptized.

Acts 10:47-48, Acts 2:38-39, Read Acts 8:26-40

Holy Communion is the Lord 's Communion, consisting of bread and the fruit of the vine [grape juice]. It is the memorial of Christ suffering and _____. 1 Corinthians 11:26

When eating and drinking the _____ of Christ suffering and death, the believer expresses their awareness that through salvation they have been made right with God. When we share the divine nature of eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we become _____ of his divine nature. 2 Peter 1:2-4.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS DOCTRINE

Water Baptism and Communion are not simply religious customs. Both embody the central message of the Christian faith. Water baptism is a "one time" event (*we don't see anyone in the Bible being baptized twice*) in which the new believer announces publicly that they are now a child of God who has identified with Jesus Christ and His death and resurrection. Communion is a periodic [often monthly] reminder that the believer has received free salvation through the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Both ordinances focus regular attention to the central truth of Christianity.

ANSWER KEY: reminded, full immersion, must, urgency, death, symbol, partakers. (Please look up/read all scriptural references)