

Sermon Discussion Questions
For the Week of September 26, 2021

Sermon Information:

What are the Ordinances?

Romans 6:1-4; 1 Corinthians 10:14-17; 11:23-26

The ordinances have been given to us by God as a gracious means for commemorating, communicating, and cultivating our union with Christ.

- In baptism, we proclaim that by faith we have been united with Christ, in his death and resurrection, and with His Church.
- In the Lord's Supper, or Communion, we proclaim our trust in Christ's sacrificial death, our fellowship in His body, and our hope in His return.

Discussion Questions:

1. Would you say that you have heard much teaching on the doctrine of union with Christ? What questions do you still have about this doctrine? Read Ephesians 1:3-14 and note the references to "in Christ" and "in him."
2. While some denominations over-emphasize the spiritual benefits of the ordinances, sometimes we as Baptists can be guilty of under-emphasizing the benefits. Discuss how the ordinances can cultivate our faith and our ability to find our identity in Christ.
3. Read Galatians 3:25-29. Discuss what this passage teaches about the connection between union with Christ and baptism. Also discuss how our union with Christ gives us a new corporate/shared identity. How should this affect the way we celebrate baptisms at FirstSF?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 11:17-22. How was the Corinthian church practicing the Lord's Supper in an "unworthy manner" (v. 27)? While our situation is much different, how are we sometimes guilty of taking the Lord's Supper in an unworthy manner?