

“The Bride”

August 6, 2023



“DON’T GET SUCKER-PUNCHED!”



1) **BAPTISM** (Rom. 6:3-4, Col. 2:11-12, Acts 22:16)

- a) _____ or _____ only?
(Matt. 28:18-20, Acts 16:30-33, 1 Cor. 7:13-14, Col. 2:11-12)
- b) _____, Sprinkling, Pouring? (Mark 1:9-11, Acts 8:36-39a)
- c) Means/Needed for Salvation? (Acts 10:46d-48)

2) **LORD’S SUPPER / COMMUNION** (1 Cor. 11:23-26)

- a) Christ’s _____?
- b) Means / Needed for Salvation? (1 Cor. 10:16, John 6:53, 1 Cor. 11:29-30)

3) **UNIVERSAL CHURCH** (Eph. 1:22-23, 2:19-22, 3:9-10)

4) **LOCAL CHURCH**

- i) M _____? (1 Timothy 3:14-15)

IDEA OF MEMBERSHIP EVIDENCED BY:
Work together as household (1 Tim. 3:15; 5:1-2)
Parts of a body (1 Cor. 12:16-17)
Numerical records (Acts 2:37-47)
Records of widows (1 Tim. 5:3-16)
Elections (Acts 6:1-6)
Discipline (Matt. 18:15-20; 1 Cor. 5; Gal. 6:1)
Accountability (Heb. 13:17)
Awareness of who = a member (Rom. 16:1-16)

- ii) L _____? (1 Tim. 4:14, 5:17; Titus 1:5)

- iii) A _____?

(2 Cor. 13:11-12; Heb. 13:17; 1 Cor. 5:12-13, 6:3-4; Matt. 18:17-18; 3 John 1:9)

We believe that the true church comprises all who have been justified by God's grace through faith alone in Christ alone. They are united by the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ, of which He is the Head.

The true church is manifest in local churches, whose membership should be composed only of believers.

The Lord Jesus mandated two ordinances, baptism and the Lord's Supper, which visibly and tangibly express the gospel. Though they are not the means of salvation, when celebrated by the church in genuine faith, these ordinances confirm and nourish the believer.