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**CHURCH**



# Commitments

# Characteristics

Worship

Sound Doctrine

Expository Preaching

Prayerful Dependence

Gospel-Centered

Word Proclamation

Spirit-filled Living

Baptism/Communion



We believe that the Scriptural ordinances of the local church are Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

- GCC Statement of Faith



I. We worship by celebrating Christ's work through baptism.



Baptism, by immersion, should be administered to believers only, as an identifying symbol of their belief in the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and our death to sin and resurrection to a new walk in life.

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I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

- Mark 1:8 (ESV)



You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

- Romans 8:9 (ESV)



When Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water.

- Matthew 3:16 (ESV)





And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?”

38 And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. 39 And when they came up out of the water,

- Acts 8:36-39a (ESV)


John also was baptizing at Aenon near Salim, because water was plentiful there, and people were coming and being baptized.

- John 3:23 (ESV)



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.

- Romans 6:3-4 (ESV)



For as many of you as were baptized into Christ  
have put on Christ.

- Galatians 3:27 (ESV)



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.

- Colossians 2:12 (ESV)



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The local Church is an organized congregation of immersed believers.

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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.

- Matthew 28:19-20a (ESV)



I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism.



- Ephesians 4:1-5 (ESV)

While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. 45 And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. 46 For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, 47 “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” 48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

- Acts 10:44-48 (ESV)

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II. We worship by remembering Christ's work through communion.



The Lord's Supper is a commemoration of Christ's death and His atonement for our sins.

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Luke 22:7-13



Luke 22:14-20




But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. 18 For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you. And I believe it in part, 19 for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized.



- 1 Corinthians 11:17-19 (ESV)



When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat. 21 For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk. 22 What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I commend you in this? No, I will not.




- 1 Corinthians 11:20-22 (ESV)

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, 24 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.” 25 In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

- 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 (ESV)

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. 28 Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 29 For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. 30 That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died.



- 1 Corinthians 11:27-30 (ESV)

