

# REASON TO HOPE

the what & why of our faith

The Ordinances We Keep

Cascade Community Church

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***“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear...”***

***-1 Peter 3:15 (NKJV)***





***“We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has committed two ordinances to the local church; baptism and the Lord’s Supper. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer into water in the name of the triune God. We believe that the Lord’s Supper was instituted by Christ for commemoration of His death. We believe that the two ordinances should be observed and administered until the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.”***

***-Cascade Community Church  
Statement of Faith, Section 10***





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***“And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.’”***

***-Luke 22:19 (NKJV)***





***"and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me."***<sup>25</sup> ***In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."***

***-1 Cor. 11:24-25(NKJV)***





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***"And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, 'Take, eat; this is My body.'"***

***-Matt. 26:26(NKJV)***





***"Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled."***

***-John 6:26 (NKJV)***





***“Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. <sup>55</sup> For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed.”***

***-John 6:53-55 (NKJV)***





***“It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing.  
The words that I speak to you are spirit,  
and they are life. <sup>64</sup> But there are some of you who  
do not believe.”***

***-John 6:62-64 (NKJV)***





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***"Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, 'See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?' <sup>37</sup> Then Philip said, 'If you believe with all your heart, you may.' And he answered and said, 'I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.' <sup>38</sup> So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup> Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing."***

***-Acts 8:36-39 (NKJV)***





***"When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. <sup>17</sup> And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, 'This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.'"***

***-Matt. 3:16-17 (NKJV)***





***"After these things Jesus and His disciples came into the land of Judea, and there He remained with them and baptized. <sup>23</sup> Now John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there. And they came and were baptized."***

***-John 3:22-23 (NKJV)***





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***"And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.' Amen."***

***-Matthew 28:18-20 (NKJV)***





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***“Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”***

***-Romans 6:3-4 (NKJV)***





1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-4—The Good News!

# RESURRECTION

He rose again for me!

## BURIAL

He was buried for me!

## DEATH

He died for me!

WHEN CHRIST WAS BURIED,  
I WAS BURIED

WHEN CHRIST  
DIED, I DIED!

INTO THE WATER  
(a picture of death)

UNDER THE  
WATER (a picture  
of burial)

WHEN CHRIST AROSE,  
I AROSE

OUT OF THE  
WATER (a picture  
of resurrection)

**CRUCIFIED  
WITH HIM  
ROM. 6:6**

"I have been crucified  
with Christ. As far as my  
old, sinful life is concerned,  
I must consider it dead!"  
(Gal. 2:20; Rom. 6:3-11)

**BURIED  
WITH HIM  
ROM. 6:4**

**RISEN  
WITH HIM  
COL. 3:1**

"I am a new creature in  
Christ! Christ lives in me  
and I have a new life in Him!"  
(2 Cor. 5:17; Rom. 6:4-5; Gal. 2:20)





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***“The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.’ <sup>23</sup> Then He said to them all, ‘If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. <sup>24</sup> For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. <sup>25</sup> For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost? <sup>26</sup> For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, of him the Son of Man will be ashamed when He comes in His own glory, and in His Father’s, and of the holy angels.’”***

***-Luke 9:22-26 (NKJV)***





# Application

## 1. Identify with Christ in Baptism Once





***"Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them."***

***-Acts 2:41 (NKJV)***





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1. Identify with Christ in Baptism Once
2. Celebrate Christ in Communion Often

