

What Membership Means to Us, Part I: United in the Gospel and Baptism

1. We Share a _____ Faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ:

- a. The Gospel's _____:
 - i. It _____ all humanity. –*John 8:39-47; Matt 12:48-49; 1 Jn 5:10-12*
 - ii. There is no _____ gospel. –*Gal 1:6-9; John 14:6*
- b. The Gospel's _____:
 - i. Man is fully _____ and stands _____ before God. –*Rom 1:16-23*
 - ii. God sent His Son to _____ a sinless life for us. –*Matt 3:15; Heb 4:4-5*
 - iii. Christ willingly died as our _____. –*2 Cor 5:21; 1 Pet 3:18*
 - iv. Christ was _____ in glory as proof of His divinity, and of the full payment made for our sins. –*Rom 1:1-4; 1 Cor 15:12-20; Phil 2:5-11*
- c. The Gospel's _____:
 - i. _____: turn from your rebellion against God. –*Mark 1:15*
 - ii. _____: trust in the person and work of Jesus Christ. –*Rom 3:21-26*
- d. The Gospel's _____:
 - i. _____ of sin and _____ with God. –*Rom 5:1*
 - ii. Baptized by the Spirit into the _____ Church. –*1 Cor 12:13*

2. We Share a _____ Baptism _____ the Body of Christ:

- a. The _____ act of Christian obedience:
 - i. Commanded to _____ those who believe. –*Matt 28:19; Acts 2:37-41*
 - ii. Commanded to _____ those who believe. –*Acts 8:36; 19:1-5*
 - iii. A visible and public _____ of the Spirit's _____ baptism. –*1 Peter 3:21; Rom 6:3-5; Acts 10:44-48; 11:15-17*
- b. Serves to _____ one with the _____ church:
 - i. _____ by the first church. –*Acts 2:41; 5:14; 8:9, 18-22*
 - ii. Enables the local church to _____ and _____ one's confession of faith. –*Tim 6:12-13; Heb 3:12-14*

Romans 3:21-26

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.