

## The Ordinances: The Gospel Pictured

Definition of what a church is from Rediscover Church

**A church is a group of Christians**

- who assemble as an earthly embassy of Christ's heavenly kingdom
- to proclaim the good news and commands of Christ the King
- **to affirm one another as his citizens through the ordinances**
- and to display God's own holiness and love
- through a unified and diverse people
- in all the world
- following the teaching and example of elders.

***Four common themes to Baptism and the Lord's Supper***

- *Pictures of the Gospel*
- *Notes of remembrance*
- *Reserved for Christians*
- *Both occur in the local church*

***The main point:***

The local church affirms its members as Christ's citizens through baptism and the Lord's Supper, powerful pictures of Christ and his Gospel, on whom these citizens center their lives.

## **Baptism**

***“And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20)***

### **Four Points Concerning Baptism**

- ***The Mode of Baptism***
- ***Baptism and Salvation***
- ***Baptism and the Newness of Life***
- ***Baptism and the Body of Christ***



**From Heritage Christian Fellowship Statement  
of Faith**

**Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the two ordinances of the church that we observe. Christian baptism by immersion is the public testimony of a believer's faith in the crucified, buried, and risen Savior, and his union with Him in death to sin and resurrection to a new life. It is also a sign of fellowship and identification with the visible Body of Christ. The Lord's Supper is the commemoration and proclamation of His death until He comes, and should be always preceded by solemn self-examination, private confession of sin, and the recognition of our need for divine grace. (Matthew 26:17-30; Mark 14:12-26; Luke 22:1-23; Acts 2:38-42; 8:36-39; Romans 6:1-11; 34)**