

PART THREE: HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET THERE?

God Works Through Means

Praise & Worship exists to be a Christ-Centered, Disciple-Making community. Our vision indicates that we WILL make disciples and by doing this we WILL make a difference in the things that matter most.

A disciple is someone who trusts the promises of Jesus and seeks to follow Him. But how is a disciple made? And how does God go about building His kingdom in our midst?

His Word! Be it Spoken, Written, Splashed or Consumed!

MATTHEW 28:18-20 - MAKE DISCIPLES BY BAPTIZING AND TEACHING.

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."

His Word

ROMANS 1:16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in IT the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

ROMANS 10:14-17

How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Baptism

What Does Someone Receive When He or She Is Baptized?

ACTS 2:37-39 - THE GIFT AND THE PROMISE.

Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the **gift** of the Holy Spirit. For the **promise** is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."

What Happens During Baptism?

ROMANS 6:3-5 - IN BAPTISM, WE ARE UNITED WITH CHRIST.

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 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. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, **we shall certainly be united with him** in a resurrection like his

GALATIANS 3:27 - BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST!

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

How Many Baptisms Are There?

EPHESIANS 4:4 – THERE IS ONE BAPTISM There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call one Lord, one faith, **one baptism**, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Baptism Saves

1 PETER 3:21 - SAVED BY RESURRECTION

Baptism, which corresponds to this [the water of Noah's Flood], **now saves you**, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

The Lord's Supper

Why do we do this?

MATTHEW 26:26-28 - FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26 - TO PROCLAIM HIS DEATH AND RESURRECTION.

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, 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." 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." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

What Does Someone Receive When He or She Eats and Drinks?

1 CORINTHIANS 10:16-17 – PARTICIPATION IN HIS BODY AND BLOOD. The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

What Happens During the Lord's Supper?

1 CORINTHIANS 11:27-30 - WE ARE ONE IN CHRIST.

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. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died.

EPHESIANS 2:14-15 - WE ARE EATING AND DRINKING THE GOSPEL.

For HE HIMSELF is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down **in his flesh** the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself ONE NEW MAN in place of the two, so making peace.