

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

2 Corinthians 5:17

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Theology of the Ordinances

- **Ordinances Are Gospel Reminders.**
  - **Communion Reminds Us of Jesus' Sacrifice.**
  - **Baptism Reminds Us of New Life in Christ.**
  - **Ordinances Keep the Gospel Central.**
- **Ordinances Strengthen Our Faith.**
  - **Baptism Is A Public Declaration Of Faith.**
  - **Communion Develops Spiritual Reflection.**
  - **The Ordinances Build Christian Community.**
- **The Ordinances Call Us To Live Transformed Lives.**
  - **Baptism Calls Us To Holiness.**
  - **Communion Calls Us To Love Others.**
  - **The Ordinances Call Us To Continued Faithfulness.**

Daily Gospel Reminder Challenge. Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 everyday this week. Spend time in prayer before and after, asking God to remind you of His goodness and faithfulness through His gospel. Confess your sins, ask for His strength, pray for spiritual growth through the power of the Holy Spirit. Develop spiritual reflection that is strengthened through communion.

Heart Check Challenge. Read Psalm 139:23-24 everyday this week. Spend time in prayer before and after, asking God to search your heart and reveal the ways you need to change and grow in Him. Ask for the strength to remove these sins from your life and resist the temptation to return to them. Allow God to change you from the inside out to become more like Him.

Live It Out Challenge. Read James 1:22 everyday this week. Consider what it means to be a "doer" of the word in your life. Encourage someone at school or work. Share a Bible verse on your social media. Invite someone to church. Pray over someone. Help someone in need, just as Jesus helped us when we were in desperate need of His salvation.



Ice Breaker Question: Would you rather never shower again or never brush your teeth again?

Discussion Questions

1. **Explain how each of the ordinances are reflections of the gospel.**
2. **Explain how the ordinances strengthen our faith and build community.**
3. **Explain how the ordinances call us to live transformed lives.**

Remember what Jesus has done

Strengthen your faith

Live transformed every day

Let the ordinances shape your life