

# Southern Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

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## *“The Message of the Gospel in Baptism & Communion.”*

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**Baptism.** The act of washing in water as part of a purification ritual. The rite of formal initiation into the Christian church through water.<sup>1</sup>

**Lord’s Supper** (also commonly called Communion or Eucharist). Memorial rite involving wine and bread; one of the two universally acknowledged sacraments of the Christian Church (along with baptism).<sup>2</sup>

### **The Baptist Articles of Faith - Article Fourteen: Of Baptism and The Lord’s Supper**

We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion in water of a believer (1), into the name of the Father, and Son, and Holy Ghost (2); to show forth, in a solemn and beautiful emblem, our faith in the crucified, buried, and risen Savior, with its effect in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life (3); that it is prerequisite to the privileges of a Church relation; and to the Lord’s Supper (4), in which the members of the Church, by the sacred use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ (5); preceded always by solemn self-examination (6).

Baptism by immersion is symbolic of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.  
Colossians 2:12; Acts 2:41; 22:16; Ephesians 2:8-9; Matthew 28:19-20

1. In baptism, submersion under water symbolizes \_\_\_\_\_ in the gospel message.
2. In baptism, rising out of the water symbolizes \_\_\_\_\_ in the gospel message.
3. Baptism signifies that a convert has \_\_\_\_\_ the message of the gospel.
4. True / False, A person can be saved because they are baptized in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
5. Baptism is observed in \_\_\_\_\_ to the commands of Jesus. Baptism demonstrates that one is following the teachings of Jesus.

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<sup>1</sup> Espinoza, Benjamin. 2016. [“Baptism.”](#) In *The Lexham Bible Dictionary*, edited by John D. Barry, David Bomar, Derek R. Brown, Rachel Klippenstein, Douglas Mangum, Carrie Sinclair Wolcott, Lazarus Wentz, Elliot Ritzema, and Wendy Widder. Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press.

<sup>2</sup> Gamel, Brian. 2016. [“Lord’s Supper.”](#) In *The Lexham Bible Dictionary*, edited by John D. Barry, David Bomar, Derek R. Brown, Rachel Klippenstein, Douglas Mangum, Carrie Sinclair Wolcott, Lazarus Wentz, Elliot Ritzema, and Wendy Widder. Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press.

***“The idea of a baptized believer is that they have gone public in declaring that they are wedded to another—to Jesus Christ.” – Tony Evans***

Holy Communion is the second of two ordinances that help all believers to remember the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. The bread and wine elements of communion are symbols of the broken body and shed blood of Christ.

Matthew 26:26-30; Mark 14:22-26; Luke 22:19:20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-29

1. The bread of Holy Communion represents \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The wine or juice of Holy Communion represents \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Those who observe Holy Communion do so in remembrance of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The observance of Holy Communion is proclaiming \_\_\_\_\_.

Traditions often lose their significance over time. How do you plan to keep the significance of the ordinances in front of you? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Describe how well you understood baptism at your baptism. \_\_\_\_\_  
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If someone were watching how you observed communion, what conclusion would they form? Why would they think it is important to you? \_\_\_\_\_  
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When we observe Holy Communion as a church, are you focused on the gospel's message?  
Circle one Yes / No

How will the message of the gospel impact your observance of Holy Communion and baptism in the future? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What have you gathered to do from this study concerning the message of the gospel and the observance of ordinances?  
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