

Celebrating the Lord's Table



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Matthew 3:1-12

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➤ 1 Corinthians 11:23–26 For **I received from the Lord** that which I also **delivered to you**: that the **Lord Jesus** on the *same* night in which He was betrayed **took bread**; ²⁴ and when He had **given thanks**, ***He broke it and said***, “Take, eat; this is My body which is broken **for you**; **do this in remembrance of Me.**” ²⁵ In the same manner *He* also *took* the cup after supper, **saying**, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This **do**, as often as **you** drink *it*, **in remembrance of Me.**” ²⁶ For as often as **you** eat this bread and drink this cup, **you proclaim** the Lord’s death till He comes.

- 1 Corinthians 11:27–30 Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks *this* cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. ³⁰ For this reason many *are* weak and sick among you, and many sleep.

Our Purpose

Trinity Baptist Church exists **to Glorify God** through Christ-like Disciples who make other disciples.

Our Passion

Christ-like Disciple: **Be One, Follow One, Lead One, Win One**

Romans 6:20–22 For **when you were slaves of sin**, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ **What fruit did you have** then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things *is* death. ²² But **now having been set free from sin**, and having become slaves of God, **you have your fruit to holiness**, and the end, everlasting life.

Romans 7:4–6 Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another—to Him who was raised from the dead, **that we should bear fruit to God.** ⁵ For **when we were in the flesh**, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to **bear fruit to death.** ⁶ But **now we have been delivered** from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should **serve in the newness of the Spirit** and not *in* the oldness of the letter.

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- Matthew 3:1–5 In those days **John the Baptist** came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ² and saying, “**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!**” ³ For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: “*The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘**Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.**’*” ⁴ Now John himself was clothed in camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him.

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- Matthew 3:6–9 and were baptized by him in the Jordan, **confessing their sins**.⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “Brood of vipers! **Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?**⁸ Therefore **bear fruits worthy of repentance,**⁹ and **do not think to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’** For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.

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- Acts 11:19–21 Now those who were **scattered after the persecution** that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one but the Jews only. ²⁰ But some of them were men from Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they had come to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists, **preaching the Lord Jesus.** ²¹ And the hand of the Lord was with them, and **a great number believed and turned to the Lord.**

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- Acts 11:18 When they heard these things they became silent; and they glorified God, saying, “Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life.”
- 2 Timothy 2:25 in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth

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- ❖ Repentance is an aspect of biblical conversion involving **a fundamental change of mind, will and emotion concerning God, sin and the need of salvation.**
- ❖ This change includes **a willing and willful seeking** of pardon from God, **a repudiation** of our rebellion against God, and **a whole-soul commitment** to serve God.

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- **Repentance is Continual in Nature!**

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B. Christ-like Disciples Confess their Sins.

- Matthew 3:5 Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him ⁶ and were baptized by him in the Jordan, **confessing their sins.**
- Proverbs 28:13 He who covers his sins will not prosper, But. **whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy**
- 1 John 1:9 **If we confess our sins**, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness

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- ✓ Quick to Prayer
- Luke 11:2–4 So He said to them, “**When you pray**, say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as *it is* in heaven. ³ Give us day by day our daily bread. ⁴ And **forgive us our sins, For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us.** And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one.”

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- ✓ Quick to Forgive
- Ephesians 4:32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, **forgiving one another**, even as God in Christ forgave you.

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- ✓ Quick to Worship
- Hebrews 10:25 **not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together**, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

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- ✓ Quick to the Word
- 1 Peter 2:2 as newborn babes, **desire the pure milk of the word**, that you may grow thereby.
- James 1:19 So then, my beloved brethren, let every man **be swift to hear**, slow to speak, slow to wrath

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- ✓ Quick to Serve
- Romans 12:11 not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.

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- ✓ Quick to Submit and resist Pride
- 1 Peter 5:5 Likewise you younger people, **submit yourselves** to *your* elders. Yes, all of *you* be **submissive** to one another, and **be clothed with humility**, for “**God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.**”

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D. Christ-like Disciples will never experience the just wrath of God against our sin.

- Matthew 3:10–12 And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore **every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.** ¹¹ I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fan *is* in His hand, and **He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.**