New Life

There are visible expressions that are signs of something deeper

There are two outward expressions of a deeper truth that God has set forth for the Church

Ordinance:

An authoritative rule or law; a decree or command

In the ecclesiastical realm: an established ceremony

Communion

Baptism

In the 5th century Augustine called them "the visible form of an invisible grace."

Communion does not dispense the grace it is the symbol to remind us of the grace that is already been dispensed

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1 Corinthians 11 Vs 20-21

When you come together, it is not the Lord's Supper you eat, for as you eat, each of you goes ahead without waiting for anybody else. One remains hungry, another gets drunk.

Vs 22

Don't you have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I praise you for this? Certainly not!

Communion, while is uses something as common as bread and juice, is not a common meal, it is an unique and special event, a visible action that bears witness to a deeper truth

Vs 23-25

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night 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, after supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Remember

John 6:35

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.

John 8:12

When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:58

"I tell you the truth," Jesus answered,
"before Abraham was born, I am!"

John 10:9-10

I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:11

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

John 11:25

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies...

John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 15:5

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

Vs 26

For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Vs 27-28

Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.



Baptism while is uses something as common as water it is not a bath or a shower, it is an unique and special event, a visible action that bears witness to a deeper truth

John 1:12-13

Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God-children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

1 John 5:11-12

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Romans 6:11

In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:1

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

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