

5 Promises of Baptism

A SERIES ABOUT WHO WE ARE CALLED TO BE

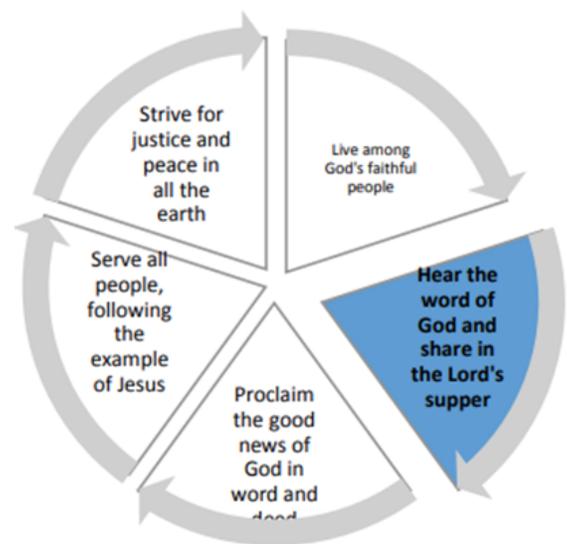
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God's word and the Lord's supper are tangible gifts given by God to disciples of Jesus Christ. These gifts are not wrapped up in brightly-colored packages with pretty bows. But these Spirit given gifts have the power to transform lives, offering both consolation and challenge.

John 1:1-3

Jesus is the Word of God, but the word of God is also the Bible. To hear the word of God is to be open to that very word to change us. Sometimes that word of God challenges the core of who we are and calls us back into a deeper relationship with the One who created us.

Who has helped you to hear the word of God? How has word of God has comforted and challenged you



The Last Supper – 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

On the night before he was crucified, Jesus gathered his disciples for the annual Passover meal. But this year was different. Jesus took bread and broke it, claiming the body to be his own. Then he took the wine, lifted the cup, and gave thanks, explaining it was his blood. Whether we refer to the meal of bread and wine as the Lord's supper, Holy Communion, or Eucharist, we are proclaiming the Lord's death and at the same time experiencing a foretaste of the feast to come. In the Lord's supper, we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. We receive a tangible morsel of God's bountiful grace.

If you had been at that meal with Jesus and heard him claim the broken bread to be his body and the wine to be his blood, what might you have thought and felt?

Describe the first time you received the Lord's supper.