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Part One

God

There is one and only one living and true God. He is an intelligent, spiritual, and personal Being, the Creator, Redeemer, Preserver, and Ruler of the universe. God is infinite in holiness and all other perfections. God is omnipresent. To Him we owe the highest love, reverence, and obedience. The eternal God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit with distinct personal attributes.

(1 Cor. 8:6; too numerous to list)

God the Father

God as Father reigns over His universe and His creatures. He is all powerful, all loving, and all wise. As Father, He loves all mankind and does not want anyone to perish. He desires fellowship with His children and wants everyone to be reconciled to Him through His son Jesus.

(Matt. 6:9; too numerous to list)

God the Son

Christ is the only begotten Son of God. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ, He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of a virgin, Mary. Jesus perfectly revealed and did the will of God, taking upon Himself a human nature and identifying Himself completely with mankind, yet without sin. He honored the Father's will by His personal obedience, and in His death on the cross, through the shedding of His blood, He made provision for the redemption of men from sin. He was raised from the dead with a glorified body and appeared to His disciples as the person who was with them before His crucifixion. He ascended into heaven and is now exalted at the right hand of God where He is the One Mediator between God and man. He is also the head of the Church, His body here on earth. He will return in power and glory to judge the world and to reign.

(John 3:16; Lu. 1:26-38; 1 Peter 1:18-19; 2 Cor. 5:21; Acts 2:33; Eph. 1:18-23; Rev. 20)

God the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God. He inspired men to write the Scriptures. He lives in fullness in every Child of God, and every child becomes the temple of God. Through revelation He enables men to understand truth, thereby being the teacher. He is also called the Spirit of Truth. He exalts Christ. He convicts of sin, of righteousness, and of judgement. He calls men to the Savior, and transforms lives. He comforts believers, and manifests the spiritual gifts. He seals the believer in Christ and God. His presence in the Christian is the assurance to every believer that they are a child of God. He enlightens and empowers the believer and the church in worship, evangelism, and service.

(John 14; John 16; 1 Cor. 3:16; 1 Cor. 12:7; Eph. 1:13; Ro. 8:16; John 4:24)

God's Word

God's word comes to us in several different ways. The most familiar is His written word, the Holy Bible. The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired by the Holy Spirit, and is the record of God's revelation of Himself to man. It is without error. God's word is alive, and has the ability to transform lives. God's word also comes to us through other people, revealed thoughts, dreams and visions, and situations and circumstances. (2 Tim. 3:16; Heb. 4:12; John 14:26; Acts 2:17, Acts 16:9)

Man

God created man for fellowship with Himself. Man was created as a trichotomy made up of body, soul, and spirit. God's plan was for man to live in fellowship with Him, eternally. The fall of man came through the temptation of Satan in the Garden of Eden. Part of man's punishment was death of the body. Because of sin, man was separated from God. However, through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, and each person's belief in Him, man is reconciled to God. Man will again live eternally.

(Gen. 1:26-27; 1 John 1:3; 1 Thes. 5:23; Gen. 2: Ro. 5:19; John 3:16)

Angels

Angels are beings created by God, before man was created. They are spiritual beings that can take on other forms, such as glowing as white as lightning, or the form of a man. They will never die, and they do not marry. The Bible tells us that they are innumerable. They are to serve God and man as guardians, messengers, ministering spirits, and warriors. Man will judge the angels.

(Eph. 3:9, Col. 1:16, Rev. 4:11, Rev. 5:13, Rev. 10:6; Matt. 28:2-3; Lu. 20:36, Matt. 22:3, Mk. 12:25; Heb. 12:22; Ps. 34:7; Acts 8:26; Heb. 1:14; 1 Chr. 21:16a; Dan. 10:12-14; 1 Cor. 6:3)

Satan

Satan was an angel created by God. He had the seal of perfection on him. He was the anointed cherub that covered God. He was perfect in beauty. Sin was found in him when he desired to be like God. Satan was cast down to earth out of heaven. Jesus called him the *father of lies*, because there is no truth in Him. His purpose, as told by Jesus about the thief, is to steal, kill, and destroy. He can change his appearance to look like an angel of light, however, he can only be in one place at a time. Satan instigated the fall of man through temptation. Jesus defeated him through the resurrection from the dead. Satan will find his eternal death in the lake of fire.

(Ezk. 28:11-19, Is. 14:9-15; John 8:44; John 10:10; 2 Cor. 11:14; Rev. 12:4b-5, 10-11; John 16:33; Gen. 3:1-5; Col. 2:13-15; Rev. 20:7-10; Matt. 25:41)

Demons

Demons are formerly God's angels that chose to follow Satan when he was cast out of heaven. One third of God's angels followed Satan. They continue to follow his (Satan's) orders to bring about the destruction of man. They can oppress or possess men and women. They will find their eternal death in the lake of fire.

(Rev. 12:3-4; Eph. 6:12; Matt. 12:43-45; Matt. 25:41)

Hell

We believe that hell is a literal place. Jesus gave it many names, some of which are lake of fire or eternal fire. God did not create hell for man, but for Satan and his demons.

However, every person that does not receive Jesus as their personal Savior and their name is not written in the Book of Life will be thrown into the lake of fire with Satan and his demons for all of eternity.

Matt. 13 41-43; Matt. 25:31-46; Rev. 20:15

End Time Events

The following is how we believe the sequence of end time events will take place:

1. Signs of the times – Wars and rumors of wars, nation against nation, famines, earthquakes, Christians persecuted and hated by nations, Christians will turn against each other, false prophets, lawlessness will increase, love will grow cold, the gospel will be preached to the entire world. (Matt. 24: 6-14)
2. The Rapture of the Church (Matt. 24:36-42; 1 Thes. 4:15-18)
3. The Tribulation – 7 1/2 years (Matt 24:15-22; Rev. 6-18)
4. The Second Coming of Christ (Rev. 19)
5. The Millennium (Rev. 20)
6. The Judgement (Rev. 20)
7. The New Heaven & Earth, the New Jerusalem, Eternity (Rev. 21 & 22)

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Becoming A Child of God

Because of sin, mankind is separated from God. However, God loves so much that He gave His son, Jesus, as a sacrifice for all sin. If you confess that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you become a Child of God. This belief requires faith on your part. However, even the faith that you use to believe, was given to you by God. (Ro. 12:3) When you believe, you have been “born again”, that is, born into God’s family by the Holy Spirit, therefore you become a Child of God.

Romans 3:23 *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*

John 3:16 *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."*

Romans 10: 9&10 *that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.*

John 3:3-8 *Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' "The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit."*

1 John 5:1a *Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God;*

We must understand that becoming a Child of God is a result of believing in your heart and confessing with your mouth, and that alone. To put anything else with it (baptism, lordship, or confession of sins) makes it a work on our part, that is, something we do to receive and keep our status and benefits as a Child of God. If we put anything with belief in Jesus to become a Child of God, then all of these things have to be maintained to continue *being* a Child of God. The Word of God never links these things together as qualifications. In fact, it is just the opposite. We have been saved and placed in God’s family by His grace, and through faith given to us as a *gift* from God. We simply make the choice to believe *with our hearts*.

Ephesians 2:8 *For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;*

Once a Child of God... Always

Once you are a Child of God, you are always a Child of God, because God has entered into a new covenant with all of His children. In this covenant Jesus Christ is the High Priest that has already ministered the sacrifice that was needed to “put away sin”. It is an established fact, not because of what anyone has done, but because of the shed blood of Jesus and the will of our Heavenly Father. If you believe in your heart that Jesus is the Son of God and that God raised Him from the dead, you are a Child of God, and you are the recipient of the new covenant. God keeps His covenant with man. Praise God! You live under the new covenant and the blood of Jesus has covered all of your sins. You cannot lose being a Child of God because of sin in your life. You are secure in the new covenant!

The believer will never perish, because you were “born” of the Spirit with an imperishable seed. Believers are in the hand of Jesus and God, and no one is able to “snatch” them out of their hands.

Hebrews 9:15 *And for this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, in order that since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.*

Hebrews 9:26b *...He has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.*

John 10:27-30 *"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand. "My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. "I and the Father are one."*

1 Peter 1:23 *for you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and abiding word of God.*

Birthright of a Child of God

When you become a Child of God, immediately you receive a Birthright from your Father, which never changes and can never be taken away from you. The Believer’s Birthright, as revealed in the Word, is what God has already done for every one of His children and is available to every believer, because of the finished work of the cross. Jesus died once, and He died for all. When you believe in Jesus with your heart, becoming a Child of God, God immediately gives you a Birthright. Let’s discover the Birthright of every Child of God:

1. **In God and Jesus** – Immediately, when you believe, you are placed in Christ, and He is in God.

Colossians 3:3 *For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.*

John 17:20-21 *"I do not ask in behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; that they may all be one; even as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be in Us; that the world may believe that Thou didst send Me.*

2. **Baptism with and in the Holy Spirit** – The Holy Spirit is God’s promise and gift to every Child of God. When you become a Child of God, He baptizes you in and with the Holy Spirit. You have been baptized into the Body of Christ by the Holy Spirit, and He has been placed in you (made to drink) by God. We believe that the Baptism of (with) the Holy Spirit takes place at the moment you become a Child of God, and is not an additional event in the Child’s life.

Acts 2:32&33; 38&39 *"This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses."Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear. And Peter said to them, "Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. "For the promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God shall call to Himself."*

1 Corinthians 12:13 *For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.*

3. **Sealed by the Holy Spirit** - Not only is the Holy Spirit a completed promise from God, but He seals you in Christ and in God.

Ephesians 1:13 *In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation -- having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,*

4. **Redeemed** - We have been redeemed from being separated from God for all of eternity, by the blood of Jesus.

1 Peter 1:18-19 *knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.*

5. Justified - This means to render (show or regard) just or innocent; to be free, or righteous.

Romans 5:9 *Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.*

6. Righteous - Because Jesus' willingness to become sin on the cross, we are now the righteousness of God, in Christ

2 Corinthians 5:21 *He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

7. Forgiven - Because of the blood of Jesus, and the work of the cross, all (past, present, & future) of our sins are forgiven.

Colossians 2:13-14 *And when you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us and which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.*

8. Eternal Life (Salvation) - God gives eternal life to everyone that believes in Jesus.

Romans 10:9-10;13 *that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. for "Whoever will call upon the name of the Lord will be saved."*

John 3:16 *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.*

9. New Creation in Jesus - God makes us a new creation. As far as God is concerned, the old is passed away.

2 Corinthians 5:17 *Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.*

10. New Self - God gives us a new self. We have the choice to put on that new self.

Ephesians 4:24 *and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.*

11. Glorified - We have already been glorified.

Romans 8:30 *and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.*

John 17:22 *"And the glory which Thou hast given Me I have given to them; that they may be one, just as We are one;*

12. Heir - God's children immediately become His heir, and a fellow heir with Jesus.

Romans 8:17 *and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.*

13. Anointed - Every Child of God is anointed by God at the moment they believe, because the anointing is the Holy Spirit. The Word teaches that God handed Jesus the Holy Spirit and Jesus poured Him out on earth on the day of Pentecost. It further promises that every believer, at the moment of believing, will receive the promised Holy Spirit. We have been anointed by Jesus, the Holy One, when He poured out the Holy Spirit, and the anointing teaches us, just as Jesus said the Holy Spirit would in John 14:26.

2 Corinthians 1:21 *Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and anointed us is God,*

1 John 2:20; 27 *But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know. And as for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but*

as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him

14. Complete - Because you are in Christ, you already have everything you need to live this life on earth, and for all of eternity.

Col. 2:10 *and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority;*

15. Member of Christ's body - God has a special place for each one of His children.

1 Cor. 12:18 *But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired.*

16. The Plan of God - God has a plan written for you!

Psalm 139:16 *Thine eyes have seen my unformed substance; And in Thy book they were all written, The days that were ordained for me, When as yet there was not one of them.*

Kingdom Life Principle

Jesus said in John 10:10, *"The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly."* There is a stark contrast between the plan of the "thief", which we know to be Satan with his forces, and Jesus. One brings death, and the other gives life. In this one verse Jesus tells us His purpose in coming to earth... to give life. We find that life, eternally, when we believe in Him and we are born again into God's family. But Jesus didn't stop there. He said he wanted us to experience life *abundantly!*

The Kingdom Life Principle is very simple... GPI believes the moment you are born again as a Child of God you receive a Birthright. One day, for all of eternity, we will live in the presence of God, and experience a life free from tribulation and struggles. But for now, we are living this Earthlife, and it is full of tribulation and struggle. Yet, Jesus said *"abundantly"*. So, we believe that when you understand your BIRTHRIGHT, apply it to your EARTHLIFE, you will begin to experience the abundant **KINGDOM LIFE!** God never meant for it to be hard. Jesus did all the work for us.

GPI wants to encourage you to learn what you have in your Birthright as God's Child, and start applying it to your Earthlife. Then watch how life becomes abundant, even in the midst of tribulation and struggle. Then, share **KINGDOM LIFE** with someone you know!

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Part Three

The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

Jesus asked God to send the Holy Spirit, or Helper, to live inside every believer forever. When Jesus ascended to the Father, after His resurrection, He sat down at His right hand, God gave Him the Holy Spirit, and Jesus poured Him out on all mankind. God did what Jesus asked for, on the day of Pentecost, and fulfilled the prophecy that was given by Joel. The Holy Spirit, placed in believers for the first time, is recorded in seven different events in the book of Acts. Peter told the people in the streets of Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost that the promised Holy Spirit is for all that believe in Jesus.

The ministry of the Holy Spirit on earth is three fold (1) to convict the lost of sin (2) to convict the Child of God concerning righteous living and (3) to convict the world of Judgement to come. He is the teacher for all believers, revealing Christ and God. He is our helper, comforter, and power source. He is the Spirit of God, thereby being able to reveal to us the things of God. He interceded for the Child of God when you don't know how to pray. Jesus also called Him the Spirit of Truth. Every Child of God receives the complete Holy Spirit at their spiritual birth into God's family, not just part. Therefore, children of God become the temple of the Holy Spirit.

John 14:16-17 *"And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you."*

Acts 2:33 *"Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear."*

Acts 2:38-39 *And Peter said to them, "Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." "For the promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God shall call to Himself."*

John 16:8 *"And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness, and judgment;"*

Luke 3:16 *John answered and said to them all, "As for me, I baptize you with water; but One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to untie the thong of His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."*

1 Corinthians 2:11-12 *For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man, which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things freely given to us by God."*

1 Corinthians 3:16 *Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?"*

John 14:26 *"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you."*

The Spirituals, or Gifts, of the Holy Spirit

The spirituals, or gifts, of the Holy Spirit come with, and are given by, the Holy Spirit. Each believer has all the gifts, because he has all of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit distributes, or manifests, them as He wills. All of the gifts exist and are active today.

1 Corinthians 12:4, 7-11 *Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given the (1) word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the (2) word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another (3) faith by the same Spirit, and to another (4) gifts of healing by the one Spirit, and to another the (5) effecting of miracles, and to another (6) prophecy, and to another the (7) distinguishing of spirits, to another various (8) kinds of tongues, and to another the (9) interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.*

1. **Word of Wisdom** – A Word of Wisdom is given to show the power and wisdom from God. It is God’s wisdom that at one time was hidden, but is now revealed through this gift. God’s wisdom will give you direction. It usually works with a Word of Knowledge. (1 Corinthians 2:1-13)
2. **Word of Knowledge** – A Word of Knowledge is a spiritual revelation of knowledge about the written Word, a person, or circumstance. When knowledge is given, through the Holy Spirit, usually a Word of Wisdom is given on how to act on the Word of Knowledge.
3. **Faith** – The Gift of Faith is a supernatural outpouring of faith for a definite purpose. It is not to be confused with (1) *a measure of faith* that is given to all believers equally and can be built up, (2) *saving faith* to become a Child of God that is given to you by God, or (3) *the shield of faith* used to fight the enemy.
4. **Gifts of Healing** – This gift is used for supernatural healing. It is used for healing in addition to (1) *the wounds on Jesus’ back*, (2) *the prayer of faith*, (3) *the hand of God*, and (4) *the written Word of God*.
5. **Effecting of Miracles** – This gift is given for the purpose of miraculous works that take place instantly.
6. **Prophecy** – A message from God given to a person in his spirit, spoken out to the church (individually or collectively), so that it is understood, thereby building up the church for the work of the Kingdom.
7. **Distinguishing of Spirits** – The spirit realm is all around us. This gift is given so that God’s children can “see” into the spirit realm, discerning spirits, good and evil.
8. **Kinds of Tongues** – This gift is used in two ways; (1) A spirit prayer for the believer, and (2) a prophetic message to the church. This is a tongue that cannot be understood without the gift of Interpretation. Children of God are encouraged to pray in the Spirit at all times, however, if it is used in the congregation, it must be done in order and with interpretation.
9. **Interpretation of Tongues** – This gift is used with the Gift of Tongues. Children of God are encouraged to pray for interpretation.

Filled with the Holy Spirit

Experiencing God, and all of His power and gifts through the Holy Spirit, is dependent on the Child of God yielding to the Holy Spirit and allowing Him to fill you. This happens many times during the believer's life. Wherein you were baptized in the Holy Spirit once, you must now *continually* be filled with the same Spirit!

Ephesians 4:30 *And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.*

Ephesians 5:18b ... *be filled with the Spirit,*

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Part Four

The Priesthood of the Child of God

The High Priest was the only one that could enter into the Holy of Holies. However, because of the shed blood of Jesus, He is our High Priest and He makes us priests as well. The writer of Hebrews tells us that He makes it possible for us to enter into the Holy of Holies with confidence.

Hebrews 10:19-22 *Since therefore, brethren, we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.*

1 Peter 2:5 *you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

Church Membership

We believe that the Church, the body of Jesus Christ is worldwide, and that membership is based on being Born Again, as a Child of God. Then God calls people to become a part of the vision that He has given to a local body in their home area. We encourage people to become an active member of a local church, if they believe they are called to the vision God has given to that specific church.

Church Governing

GPI does not believe that the church is a democracy, but rather a theocracy, meaning that God governs the church. God has a perfect plan for the church, the body of Jesus Christ. He has placed Jesus as the head and each member in the body where He wants them. Then He appoints people to ministries. *Since God governs the church, through the Holy Spirit, it requires listening for instruction from Him and following by faith.*

We further believe that there are certain ministries in the Body of Christ, the Church, that are appointed by God. Those ministries include Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor (Shepherd), and Teacher. We also believe that there are certain ministries in the Body of Christ, the Church, that are appointed by man through the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Baptism in Water

Jesus said to baptize (immerse in water) every believer in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as a witness that the person has been baptized or immersed and sealed in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Jesus was baptized in water. Water baptism is not necessary for salvation; however, it shows obedience on the part of the believer to follow Jesus. Baptism should take place as soon as you become a Child of God, and is only necessary once.

Matthew 28:19 *"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,*

Matthew 3:5 & 6, 13 *Then Jerusalem was going out to him, and all Judea, and all the district around the Jordan; 6 and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, as they confessed their sins. Then Jesus arrived from Galilee at the Jordan coming to John, to be baptized by him.*

The Lord's Supper

Jesus instigated the Lord's Supper just before His death on the cross. He established it as a picture of the New Covenant between God and man, knowing that He would be the sacrifice for the new covenant. The broken bread represents His body that was given for us. The wine represents His blood that was shed to cover and take away all sin. Jesus told His believers to observe the Lord's Supper in remembrance of Him.

GPI believes that any believer, who is present during the offering of the Lord's Supper, has the right as a Child of God to partake.

Luke 22:19-20 *And when He had taken some bread and given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me." And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood.*

1 Cor. 11:24-29 *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 He took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He come s. Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself, if he does not judge the body rightly.*