

5. Why do churches have creeds or statements of faith delineating what they believe?

6. Why is orthopraxy (right practice) so important?

7. Why does the church **gather** for worship and the Word since you can worship on your own and you can study the Word and even sit under Bible teaching on your own? (Be sure to consider the images of the church in your answer.)

8. Why are the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper important for our faith and practice?

Room of Marvels
(A Series on Foundational Bible Doctrines)

"The Temple Key: The Doctrine of the Church"

Ephesians 2:19-22

What is essential to know about the church?

1. The _____ of Christ's Church

- The _____ of Christ
- A Temple of the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 2: ¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

- The _____ of Christ (with Christ as the Head).
- The _____ of God.

"This is a ragtag family made up of all kinds of people with all kinds of pasts and all kinds of circumstances. When we see the church as a whole, it looks like a patchwork quilt, with different shapes, patterns, colors, and designs all sewn together by the threads of faith and the King's steady hand." (Emblems)

2. The _____ of Christ's Church

- Oneness (or _____)
- H_____
- C_____ (i.e., universal)
- A_____

Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

3. The _____ of Christ's Church
The church gathers for worship and the _____.

2. How did you feel and think about the church when you were growing up?

The church practices the _____ of baptism and the Lord's Supper (mandated by Jesus).

Exodus 12:1-3,14,21; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Romans 6:3-5

3. Of the four images of the church, which is most meaningful to you and why?

Mandates, Celebration, Remembering, Reenacting, Profound Meaning, Gospel Proclamation

4. Of the four images of the church, which is off your radar, and what might change in your perspective or practice if it was more prominent in your mind?

4. The _____ of the Church
Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8