

# THIS IS MY BIBLE

I believe that this is the Word of  
God

It is God's will for my life

It is a book of life and liberty

It is a book of Wisdom for Life

I am what the Word says I am

I have what the Word says I have

I can do what the Word says I can  
do

I am ready to hear the Word

I am ready to receive the Word

I am ready to be changed by the  
Word

I am ready – ready – ready

# The Ordinances Of The Church

Traditions that have their roots in the nature of God and His self-revelation!

# What Is An Ordinance?

## Dictionary Definition

1. A piece of legislation enacted by a municipal authority.
2. An authoritative order; a decree
3. A prescribed religious rite

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## Roman Catholic Tradition

- ★ Baptism (Christening)
- ★ Confirmation (Chrismation)
- ★ Holy Eucharist (Communion)
- ★ Penance (Confession)
- ★ Anointing of the sick  
(Consummation)
- ★ Holy orders (Consecration)
- ★ Matrimony (Marriage)

# What Is An Ordinance?

## Luther's Definition

Martin Luther defined an ordinance as an act or rite:

1. Instituted by God;
2. In which God Himself has joined His word of promise to the visible element;
3. And by which He offers, gives and seals the forgiveness of sin earned by Christ.

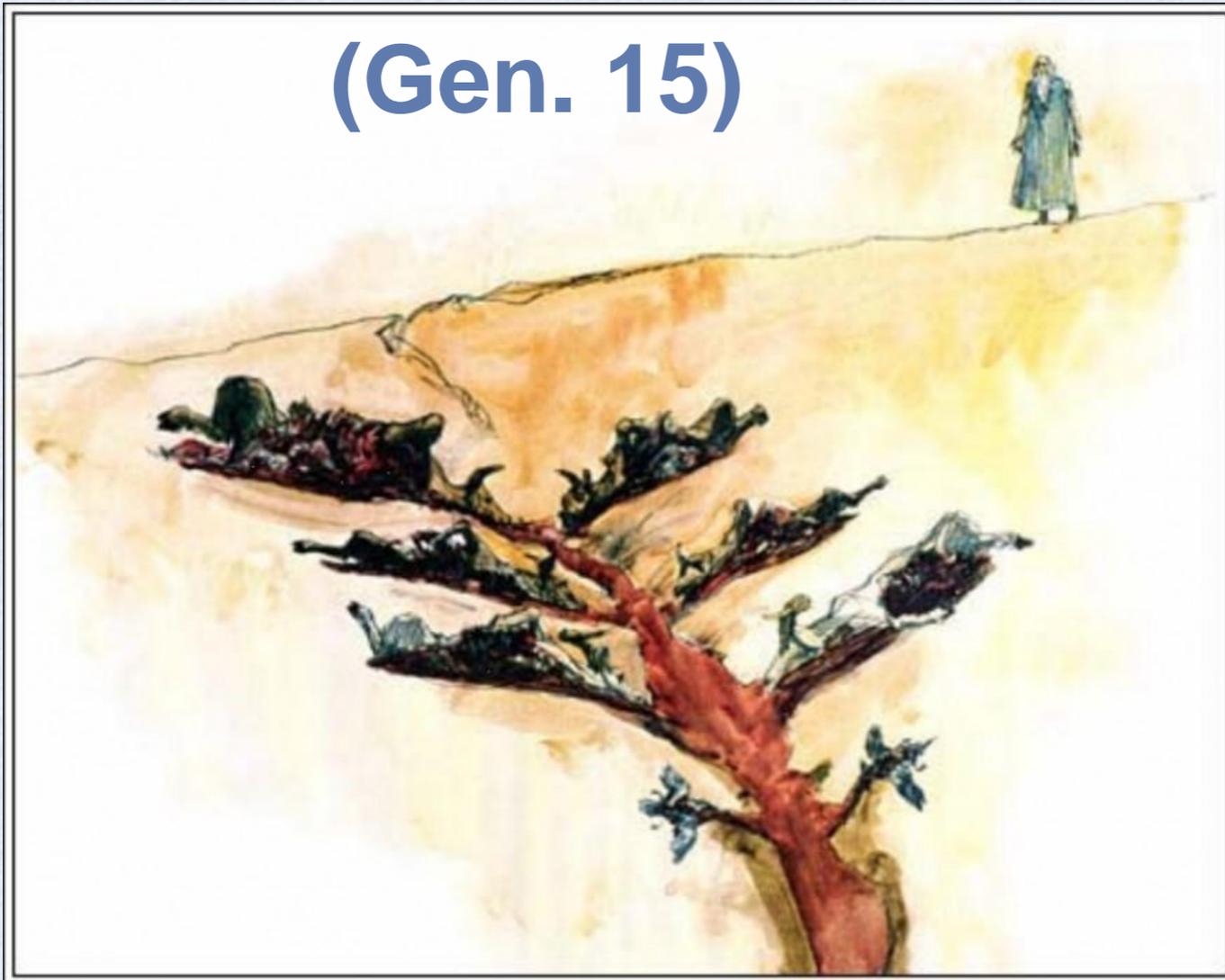
## Working Definition

An ordinance is a timeless tradition that is a picture of God's covenantal relationship with His people.

# Three Ordinances of The Church

Ordinances and the covenant nature of God

**(Gen. 15)**



The purpose of covenant is to ensure faithfulness to the relationships that are so precious in God's sight.

**God's jealousy is His fiery determination to protect the intimacy of the covenant.**

# Three Ordinances of The Church

**Baptism**

**Communion**

**Marriage**

**In baptism we participate in the covenant of separation**

**Separation from sin**

**Separation to our Saviour**

*Joyously giving thanks to the Father, who qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.*

*For he delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son.”*

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**Baptism**

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**In communion we celebrate the covenant of impartation**

*Impartation of life - we share the life of Christ together*

*Impartation of legacy - a legacy of peace, protection and provision*

# Three Ordinances of The Church

**Baptism**

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**In marriage we demonstrate the covenant of unification**

**Satan's five lies:**

**The casual relationship: no commitment necessary**

**Homo-sexual relationship: we are all gods**

**Lesbian relationship: no need for Jesus**

**The adulterous husband: Jesus will abandon the Church**

**The adulterous wife: there are other saviors**

# Three Ordinances of The Church

**Baptism**

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**In marriage we demonstrate the covenant of unification**

*United in one purpose - reveal the mystery of Christ & the Church*

*United in one person - two distinct personalities into one person*

*United in one passion - love what God loves, hate what He hates*

# Three Ordinances of The Church

**Baptism**

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**The ordinances distinguish us as God's covenant people who are separated from the kingdom of darkness to share the life of Christ and show the great mystery of Christ and the Church.**