



## **PRACTICES** *Preparation for Baptism (vows/promises and testimony)*

### *Our Promises (Vows) in Baptism*

Do you desire to be baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit?

**I do.**

Proclaiming this covenant with Jesus Christ, do you renounce all the powers of evil and declare your opposition to a way of life in contradiction to the gospel?

**I do.**

Do you repent of your sins, confessing Christ as your Savior and Lord and living as his faithful disciple?

**I do.**

Will you devote yourself to the apostles' teaching, to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer?

**I will.**

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, will you do all in your power to participate fully in the life of this congregation, to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

**I will.**

### *Guide for Writing a Personal Testimony*

#### Questions to Ponder in Preparation

1. What is the "good news"? What has God done for the world in Christ? (John 3:16-17, Colossians 1:19-20)
2. What has God done for me personally?
3. What other gifts do I have in life that I know come from God?
4. When did I come to faith in Christ?
5. How has my life changed since I came to faith in Christ?
6. What is the significance of being part of the body of Christ?
7. What are my favorite things about being in relationship with Jesus?

8. Where am I seeing evidence of the fruit of the Spirit in my life? (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, Galatians 5:22-23)
9. Do I have a favorite Bible verse or Bible story?

#### Writing Your Testimony

1. Introduce yourself
2. Share a favorite Bible verse. Why is this verse or passage significant in your life?
3. Share when or how you came to faith in Jesus Christ
4. Share an example of what God has done for you in Christ  
(or) Give one example of how your life has changed since you came to faith in Christ
5. Offer an example of the importance of the Body of Christ (church) in your life of faith
6. Conclude with a statement about your desire to be baptized