

# **What Kind of Church is Living Hope?**

*Part 1*  
*Intentional Leadership*

*“And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church,  
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”*  
*Matthew 16:18 ESV*

**My Life is \_\_\_\_\_ Because I Am in Christ!**

## **I. Eight Distinctives of Living Hope Community Baptist Church**

- B- \_\_\_\_\_ As Authority**
- A- \_\_\_\_\_ of the Local Church**
- P- \_\_\_\_\_ of the Believer**
- T- \_\_\_\_\_ : Baptism by Immersion & Lord’s Supper**
- I- \_\_\_\_\_ Sole Liberty**
- S- \_\_\_\_\_ Church Membership**
- T- \_\_\_\_\_ : Pastor & Deacon**
- S- \_\_\_\_\_ of Church and State**

**Living Hope is a \_\_\_\_\_ Church!**

**\_\_\_\_\_ as Authority**

*“For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.”*  
*Matthew 5:18 ESV*

*“thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”*  
*Mark 7:13 ESV*

*“Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your Law, ‘I said, you are gods’? If he called them gods to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be broken—”*  
*John 10:34–35 ESV*

*“And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.”*  
*1 Thessalonians 2:13 ESV*

**The Bible is God’s Inspired \_\_\_\_\_ in All Matters of Belief and Practice!**

**\_\_\_\_\_ of the Local Church**

*“And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”*  
*Matthew 28:18 ESV*

*“And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church,”*  
Ephesians 1:22 ESV  
(Colossians 1:15-17)

*“And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.”*  
Colossians 1:18 ESV

**Living Hope is an \_\_\_\_\_ Accountable Directly to Our Lord Jesus Christ!**

### **\_\_\_\_\_ of the Believer**

*“As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”*  
1 Peter 2:4–5 ESV

*“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”*  
1 Peter 2:9 ESV

*“Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,”*  
Hebrews 10:19–20 ESV  
(Hebrews 10:22-25)

**Every Born-Again Believer has Direct Access to God!**

**Two \_\_\_\_\_ :**

### **\_\_\_\_\_ by Immersion**

*“So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.”*  
Acts 2:41 ESV

*“And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.”*  
Acts 16:33–34 ESV

### **\_\_\_\_\_ Supper**

*“For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, 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 also he took the cup, 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 comes.”*  
1 Corinthians 11:23–26 ESV

**These Two Ordinances are the \_\_\_\_\_ of Our Salvation!**

**My Life is Transformed Because I Am in Christ!**

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