

Practical Christianity Series

Part 2 How to Baptize Someone

What is the meaning of baptism? Baptism is a public witness to what someone already had believed:

“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”
(Romans 10:9-10 KJV)

Here are the three main fundamentals of baptism as a public witness:

1. Forsaking sin (in the water sinful) and being cleansed from sin by faith in Jesus (out of the water cleansed).
2. Forsaking the world and the kingdom of Satan (in the water worldly and lost) and entering the Kingdom of God (out of the water born-again and saved).
3. Dying with Jesus (in the water to death) and rising to eternal life with Christ (out of the water to eternal life).

One needs to explain these fundamentals of baptism so the person can understand them. Then only the person is ready for baptism. Before you immerse the person in the water you need to ask him the following question in the presence of witnesses:

Do you (name of the person), believe that Jesus is the Son of God who died for your sins and rose from death to give you eternal life and do you confess Him as your Lord and Saviour?

If the answer is affirmative, then you continue:

In confirmation of your public declaration of your faith in Jesus Christ I now baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

At this point you immerse the person in the water.

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:”
(Matthew 28:19 KJV)