

# FOUNDAMENTALS OF BAPTISM

*TEXT: LUKE 7*

## **AVOID UNWHOLESOME UTTERANCE:**

You should assess yourself to see whether there is any difference between the way you live and the ideals and values of the Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. You should realise that the words which comes out from your mouth are very powerful as such, it should not be used carelessly. If you curse someone, you should know that before the cycle completes, the curse will come back to you.

Cameroon Leader's representative, Deaconess (Dr) Mouelle testified that, once a convert is baptised into the fold, all his/her problems are solved. Testifying about the power of God in Cameroon, the Sister said that there is no need for holy oil, holy water or any other thing. She further said that everything works according to one's faith. I reaffirm the aspect of faith at this point that, if one should believe in the Father, a mere look at the Father's physical Being takes away all problems. And in faith, if you kneel down in your private room, call on the name of the Father, your requests will be granted in no time.

## **BELIEVE IN GOD:**

If someone is sick, **what you need to do is to ask the sick person to get up that he/she is healed.** This will happen accordingly. You were endowed with this power immediately after baptism because, you put on Christ after baptism. Your dreams, words, and physical and spiritual being are not the same after baptism. Unfortunately, many a man is not aware of this. That is why you continue in fornication, the greatest 'sickness' most of you fall victims. Anyone who believes and is baptised is saved:

*"He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." (Mark 16:16).*

Your major problem and barrier is failure to believe in the words of God. When you are already a baptised member of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, you still engage in the consultation of traditional medical practioners where you are advised to take a mid-night bath as a means of overcoming your problems. You continue to tell lies, fornicate, steal and become exasperated. These unwholesome acts are the bane of your life. Having renounced your sins, you should not go back to it. I wonder why you should go back to the things which you had denounced.

## **GOD LIVES IN YOU:**

The miraculous works in Brotherhood of the Cross and Star are not anybody's making, rather it is the handiwork of God who dwells in you. He heals the sick, raises the dead, among other miracles. For this reason, you should stop making careless statements, because, the power which your spoken words have can only be imagined than described. You should know that any words you utter must be fulfilled, because, God now lives in you and you also live in Him. You are now one with God. As such, if you forgive anybody his sins, he stands forgiven by God. If you do not forgive man of his sins, he cannot be forgiven by God. Read what the scripture says:

*"Then said Jesus to them again, peace be unto you; as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and*

*saith unto them, receive ye the holy ghost." (John 20:21-22).*

## **POTENCY OF SPOKEN WORDS:**

You do not forgive your fellow human being easily. And you do not forgive those who do not accept your faith. You must be ready to forgive whoever confesses his sins. However, whoever denies that he is a sinner should be allowed to continue in his "righteousness". Anyone who is plagued with problems should be asked to believe in Our Lord Jesus Christ and should confess his sins. With this, the person's sins will be forgiven and his/her problems solved. Anything you pronounce must come to fulfillment. If you say that one's case in the law court is over, it must surely be so.

## **THE GOOD USE OF WORDS:**

The disturbing situation is that, instead of using these powers to improve the lots of man, you rather use it to bring mounting problems to man. All your pronouncements and undertakings are Christ's. As you were immersed into water and emerged, you have put on Christ and is also endowed with God's power.

What do you think is the blood of the Lamb of God? The water you were immersed into, is the blood of Christ. With baptism, your sins are washed away and obtain salvation. Other things are contingent upon that.

No matter the contribution one makes to spread the Father's gospel, if he is not baptised, there is no other means of salvation for such a person. Not even regular payment of tithe can bring salvation to man. However, baptism does not mean mere immersion in water, confession of sins must precede it. No matter the magnitude of sins, once you confess and refrain from them, you are forgiven and you are saved.

## **BELIEVE IN GOD:**

The entire world is joking with God because, the people of the world do not practise the world of God. I sympathise with you because you do not know that you are Christ. You have put on

Christ, He has kept you for Himself. Unfortunately, you are ignorant of this fact. You do not believe God, that is why you consult a seer and juju maker for division.

The wonderful thing in this kingdom is the baptism, and it is the judgement. Whoever does not baptise, but feels he is a good man, is perished. Since you have washed your sins with the blood of Christ, you need not relent in your faith. Your problem lies fact that, what you renounce is what you go back to.

### **SHUN OLD PRACTICES:**

In as much as you have baptised and stand for Christ, if you go back to believe on western medical practices, (taking of drugs or consulting juju priest,) these things can no more work for you, with this, you are at war with your spirit. If you continue in your evil acts, it means your name will be erased from the register of eternal life. If you practise righteousness, believe that everything you need on earth is in this kingdom.

Wherever you are, you are with God. You should know that once you get baptised into Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, even when you renounce Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, you are a part and parcel of the fold. The Holy Spirit is like air, it is present everywhere. Therefore, the excerpt below is a guide:

*“Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any; even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things out on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to*

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*God and the Father by Him." (Colossians 3:12-17).*

## **SCRIPTURAL ADVICE:**

The fact that you have received the Holy Spirit, it means you are justified. As such, you have no business with sins and other worldly things. That is why you need to live the life of a good christian. You have to forgive one another just like God forgives you. You should love one another as God loves you. Read this scriptural advice:

*"Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour; for we are members one of another. Be ye angry, and sin not; let not the sun go down upon your wrath. Neither give place to the devil. Let him that stole steal no more; but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers. And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice. And be ye kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." (Ephesians 4:25-32).*

## **DOWN PLAY MATERIALISM:**

The behaviours enumerated in the above Biblical excerpt are still relished by you. Yet, you profess to be a member of Brotherhood of the Cross and Star. If you profess Brotherhood of the Cross and Star, you should uphold its ideals and norms which is written in Acts of the Apostles:

*"But that we written unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood." (Acts 15:20).*

**You still relish eating meat. I wonder whether you can dictate which meat is made from a strangled animal.**

**Your major problem is that, you are not serious in your relationship with God. Much of your attention is given to the acquisition of wealth. You are thinking on how you will have a husband or wife, children and money, among other frivolous things. You have little or no time to listen to the Father's gospels.**

**Do not allow anybody to deceive you that your problems are caused by ghost or witches. Rather know that, you have problems because, you do not refrain from fornication, stealing, hatred, among other sinful acts.**

**May my peace and blessing abide with the entire world. Amen.**

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