The Rite of Baptism

The Rite of Baptism is an ancient and sacred ritual of the Church and the Kingdom of God. It marks the beginning of an alliance of individuals in their life with God's Dominion and His righteousness. It requires the repentance or turning away from evil ways of the "world"and a turning toward the righteousness of the Kingdom of God.

Baptism is an outward sign of an individual and their deeply held conviction and belief in the Word, Precepts and Ways of God the Father, Creator of Heaven and earth, and is a recognition and faith in the authority of the King of that kingdom of Heaven at hand, Jesus Christ.

Baptism as a sacred ritual, involving a personal choice, enjoining an informed consent, and an agreement between the one being Baptized, the Church in service, and the people peaceably assembled in congregations as witness.

The Rights of Christening of Infants and Children

The Christening of those who are not of sufficient age to make a conscious decision to repent or choose Christ as their redeemer cannot be considered the same event as adult Baptism, but it may be important that such ceremony be offered to the parents for the purpose of establishing Sponsors to care for the Child in the event of the death or incapacity of the Parents and to bar any other usurpation of the Natural God given Parental Rights.

Upon the absence or incapacity of the parents and until the child reaches adulthood or their parents return, this Baptismal certificate of Record acts as a solemn contract of the dedication of the Child into the hands of the Sponsors granting them a jurisdictional right of custody and care by the mutual consent of the Parents and Sponsors under the lawful coverture by contract and the Church.

In the case of Christening, the agreement is between the natural parent or family, the Sponsor, who agree to accept the responsibility of the parent in their absence, The Church in service, and the Congregation as witnesses.

Remedy for this Agreement

It is encouraged that Baptism and Christening should be done before witnesses in congregation and a record be made and sealed by the Church. That record should be made available to the whole congregation of the people concerning that both Baptism and Christening as a boundary of record for the settling of disputes, the protection from neglect by the people, or from abuse by the "world".

> For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. 2Peter 1:11

The fruit of Baptism is generated by the Holy Spirit, working through the people, doing their duty for the advancement of the faith, hope, and charity amongst the body of the congregation in communion and the union of the Brethren of the Church in service. The Church as the governing body of Christ is bound to implement the desires of the Natural Parents in service to the congregation as a sacred obligation barring all other claims in the fulfillment of the desires and prayer of the Parents before God sealed in these documents.

New Sponsors may be named by the mutual agreement of the Parents or single surviving Parent recorded with the Church or its Ministers before witnesses. If no Sponsor may be found after a dutiful effort the Church may name new Sponsors of the Child based upon Family and congregational ties in accordance with the teachings of Christ.

> And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed [their] stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. Acts 16:33