

## THE POMPOSITY OF BAPTISING BABIES

To baptise a baby is to say, "Baptism took my original sin away and I want you to be like me." Its pompous. It is saying, "I am so good that I must have been cleansed of the evil that is in human beings - translation, baptism works for I am better than others even those who seem to be good." Baptism commits a child to arrogance and evil.

Those who decide to have the baby baptised and who perform the baptism are persons who are said by Christianity to be real sinners. These real sinners judge the baby as being as if it were a sinner! Jesus Christ told his hearers that if they greet only their brothers there is no good in that for even the pagans do the same (Matthew 5:45-46). Why didn't he simply say, "Greet all people, greet strangers and enemies"? Mentioning the pagans the way he did was quite disparaging and implying that because they were not members of his religion that any good they do would be surprising! He was telling the people to be better than them! This is the idea of one religion not just being true and the others less true or false, but the idea of members of the true religion alone being deserving of respect.

For the unbeliever, religion accuses her or him of endangering their child's happiness and spiritual welfare and soul by not having her baptised. It accuses her or him of raising a child to endanger other souls. Baptism is a big deal. It indicates that an unbaptised child has the right to condemn the sin of her or his parents in not having her or him baptised.

For Christians, the main commandment is to love for the love of God - ie to make pleasing God the only real motive you have for all the good things you do. This love is caused by the supernatural power of God and is a miracle - it only happens to those who have been baptised in some way. So baptism is of extreme importance. Also, baptism is the gateway to the other sacraments - the Church says that an unbaptised person has no right to get communion even if they want it on their deathbed and also says they receive no grace or blessing in taking it.

## THE BAPTISED AND SIN

Christians urge people to have the attitude, "You are a good person but you should not have done x y or z for it was sinful." The deceit of this is plain when you put it into different words but keep the meaning intact: "You are not a sinner but you have sinned". A child would feel persecuted when reprimanded by a Christian for bad behaviour when that deceit is at the heart of Christianity. And it gets worse when the incoherent Christians then start bleating, "We are a Church of sinners. The Church is not a haven for the holy but a hospital for sinners. We are all sinners." That proves the insincerity of their loving and un-condemning words. Also, if I am a sinner myself that does not mean I should not condemn other sinners or say they have sinned and are bad. If I am a bad businessman does that mean I should not point out the clear mistakes made by other businessmen? Am I supposed to say nothing and refuse to help because I am so bad myself? To say that me being a sinner means I should look at myself instead of judging others is silly. It actually insults me and shows no genuine concern for them. I should look at myself yes but also look at them. I have a right to know the truth about others and myself. Jesus said you must throw away the plank in your eye before you look at the mote in another's. And this silly man is thought to be God and a wise teacher!

If the Christians didn't class themselves as superior people or people who have been cleansed of their sin and are like they have never sinned, they would not be in a position to tell you that you have sinned. Jesus said that if you have sins on your conscience you must clean it up before you think about anybody else's sins. The implication is that all sin is equally evil. The "mild" or average sinner can't speak out against the sins or impending sins of somebody who plans to rape or murder etc. The Christians saying, "You will sin if you do such and such. I do not condemn you for we are all sinners" is just sycophantism. It is really an encouragement to sin for it states we are all sinners giving the impression that you may as well sin as a dog may bark.

Condemning a sin that somebody has committed and then saying, "We are all sinners", is using the phrase as an excuse for condemning others. Christians feel a need to say it which implies that you cannot point out somebody's sin without being judgemental unless you say it and believe it. A forgiven and changed person is in the same present situation as a person who never sinned - that is, they are morally clean. If you have forgiven yourself your sins, you have to unforgive your sins to say it! You have to insult the forgiveness God gave you!