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REBAPTISM & DELIVERANCE



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Preface

This booklet began as a series of informal teachings at a café in Denmark. The series is called “Cafe Talk” and is available online. This booklet has been written from the transcription of a video called “Rebaptism”.

In this booklet, I'm going to talk about baptism and re-baptism. I'm going to talk about being baptized a second, third and fourth time. I'm going to talk about deliverance and casting out demons in baptism. It is something I know people are asking questions about.

This booklet is not a complete teaching about baptism and deliverance. It is more an introduction and testimony about the power in baptism and freedom we have in Christ.

I do have confidence though, that it will bring freedom to many who are still living as slaves of sin.

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Blessings, Torben Søndergaard

What baptism?

First, we'll talk about re-baptism. Is it enough to get baptized one time or do we sometimes need to get baptized a second or even a third time? In the Bible, there is a scripture, Ephesians chapter 4 verse 5, saying that there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and one Father. So it's saying that there is one baptism, and that is what we believe in. I know that there are many people who take that and say that the worst sin you can ever commit is to get baptized again.

I do agree that we should get baptized one time, but we also have to ask, "What is baptism?" This is because in the bible you actually see examples of people who get baptized a second time.

When you go to the Book of Acts chapter 19, you read how Paul baptized people again. He baptized people who had already been baptized by John. They were baptized but needed to be baptized again to Jesus Christ (every time the Bible uses the phrase “in the name of Jesus,” it’s a baptism in water to Jesus Christ). So Paul was not afraid to baptize people again. He knew that there is only one baptism, but also that it's important that it’s the right baptism. The question today is: what is the right baptism? We have baptized many people “again” who were baptized as a baby in the Lutheran church or in the Catholic church. I was baptized “again” because I did not recognize the baptism in the Lutheran church as a real baptism.

I don't recognize the baptism in the Catholic church as a real baptism. That's because baptism should be on your own faith after you have repented. As a baby who got baptized in the Lutheran church, I didn't have faith in God. It was not my own decision. I did not recognize my sin and I had not repented of my sin. And baptism is immersion in water as we read in the Bible. Therefore, it was not a Biblical baptism, no matter if we called it "baptism".

True baptism

What about the other churches today? What about our Pentecostal churches? Our Baptist churches? The truth is, that we have baptized many people “again”. I have baptized so many people again but normally I don’t call it “baptizing them again” and I don’t call it “re-baptism.” Why? Because we do not recognize that the baptism they had first was a true baptism. There, it was not baptism even though we call it baptism. God did not recognize the baptism these people had first as a true baptism. What we need to understand is that for a baptism to be a true baptism you have to repent, recognize your sin, and recognize you are dirty.

You then have to do it on your own faith, and not because someone thinks it's a good idea or you grow up in a tradition. What we see today is that many people are baptized because they believe in God and want to become members of a church.

Yes, they think it's an act in the name of Jesus but they don't have the heart of repentance. They don't really put their faith in it, but do it because they are told to do it. They do it because they think it's the right thing to do but they have not come to the understanding of what sin and repentance from sin are. They have not come to the understanding that they need to wash away their sins. When I'm having meetings and events, very, very often I baptize people "again". Before I baptize them again, I also say

to them: "If you really want to get baptized now you have to change your testimony. You have to acknowledge that the baptism you had before was not a true baptism because otherwise we don't want to baptize you".

When I was baptized the second time, I did not recognize my first baptism as a real baptism.

I don't believe that people should be baptized again and again and again. There is only one baptism and that is the true baptism in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of our sins.

I want to say that we believe in one baptism and one baptism is really important. We DO NOT baptize people again just because people are fighting with different things or get a new revelation.

It's not like if they repent of new things a short time after and then they need to get baptized again and again and again and again. No, there is only one baptism, but for that baptism to truly be a baptism, people need to recognize their sin and give their life over to Jesus.

Many of those who are baptized in a free church, Pentecostal church or Baptist church need to be baptized again. However, if you are baptized as an infant in the Lutheran church or the Catholic church or “baptized” in the Mormon church or as a Jehovah’s Witness, then we don’t recognize it as a true baptism. Then you need to be baptized to Jesus for the first time.

Who is going to be baptized again or not depends on if you repented beforehand and understood what sin is. Because it is the repentance towards God and the faith in Jesus that makes baptism a real baptism.

Demons and Baptism

Another thing – what about demons? Many people have been delivered from demons when we cast them out as they are baptized. People say to me: “But it's not written in the Bible!”

We have the Book of Acts where we read about the early church, and it's the only place in the bible where we read about how people were baptized. There are accounts of it, but it doesn't go into details about what really happened. For example, on Pentecost, Peter said: "repent and be baptized and you will receive the Holy Spirit". We know by reading the Book of Acts that everybody who received the Holy Spirit spoke in tongues. Do we always read how they suddenly manifested or spoke in tongues? No. Not every

time do we read about manifestation. For example when we read in Acts chapter 2 about the 3,000 who were baptized, we don't read how they were baptized, whether they were baptized forward or backward or down. We don't read whether it was 3,000 one time or one at a time. We don't read whether there was a manifestation, or if there was not a manifestation. The Bible doesn't make that clear, but the Bible does make it clear that we should cast out demons. We can cast demons out before baptism and we can cast demons out while they are baptized or we can cast demons out after they are baptized. We do everything.

Casting out demons when we are doing a baptism is often stronger because the person dies with Christ and rises up with Christ, so why not

do it right away when there is power in it? I believe that in the early church they did it that way because they were not afraid to cast out demons as many people are in the church today. So my answer is: let's do it.

When people come out of the water, pray as if there is a demon and command that demon to go if there is some manifestation. You will see many times that if there is a demon it has to leave that person and that person is experiencing freedom. You will also see sometimes there is nothing – why? Because it is not everybody who has a demon.

I hope this answers some of the questions out there about re-baptism and casting out demons while people are getting baptized.

God bless you.

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