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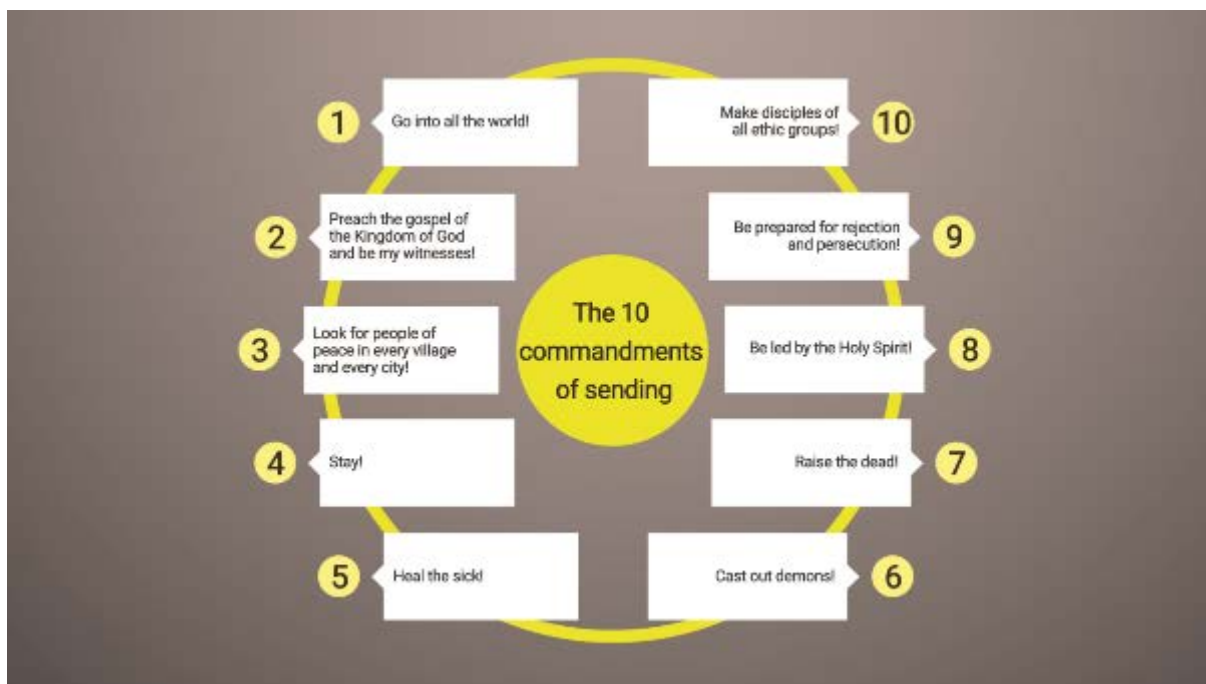
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## Training Unit 10



### P-R-E-A-C-H

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**Faith, repentance, baptism and baptism/receiving the Holy Spirit**  
→ **VERY PRACTICAL STEPS**

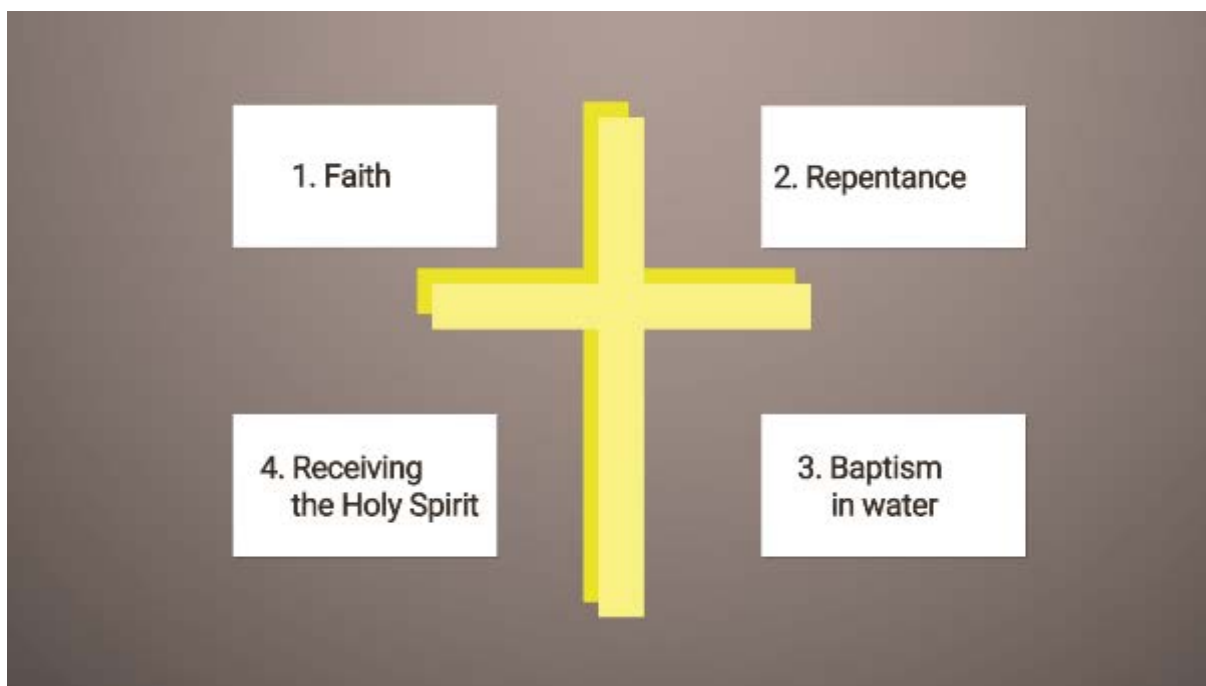
The process from unbelief to belief is the most central experience a person can ever go through in his/her life. In the New Testament, this experience is described in different ways:

#### Different terms on the way from unbelief to belief

1. **Turn to God** = Turning away from sin – repentance and entering the way of following Jesus
2. **Go from the Kingdom of darkness** and enter the Kingdom of his beloved Son Jesus
3. **Made righteous (justification)** = We are guilty and should be punished, but through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, our guilt was cancelled
4. **Renewal of our minds**
5. **Salvation** = HE saved us from the power of darkness into his marvelous light
6. **Become a new creature** = The old has passed away, everything has become new
7. Become a **follower of Christ**
8. **Put on Christ**, which means to receive him
9. **Become children of God**, which means to believe in him and receive the right to be called his children
10. **Be born again** = an entirely new life begins within us

→ The process of a new birth can be compared to a **natural human birth process!**

## 4 main steps within a biblical new birth



4 main steps of a biblical new birth compared with a natural human birth

1. **Spiritually: Faith** → **Naturally:** Human seed creates after nine months → LIFE
2. **Spiritually: Repentance** → **Naturally:** When the time is ripe, birth takes place → CLEANSING
3. **Spiritually: Baptism** → Water → **Naturally:** WASH AWAY
4. **Spiritually: Baptism/Receiving the Holy Spirit** → **Naturally:** Change of the respiratory system, the child breathes on its own and cries .... → LIFE now runs INDEPENDENTLY

→ **Very important: This process of a new birth must happen thoroughly and deeply!**

### 1. Faith

Faith is a mystery → assurance in the heart

It's like in human relationships – for example, you are on a train and talk to a stranger and suddenly you feel familiar with the person, as though you've known each other for years.

→ **It's an assurance of the heart, a trust**

→ **We must hear the Gospel and faith will be established in our hearts.**

### Development of faith

→ Miracles can't create a faith in salvation but only a faith in miracles.

BUT they can create an OPENNESS.

### **Example: New birth of a former atheist in Russia**

Three days after her wedding, this atheist person had a car accident in which her leg was crushed. In the hospital, they stiffened her leg, because otherwise they would have had to remove it. Then this atheist with a stiffened leg came to an evangelistic meeting, where she heard the Gospel. She protested aloud against the Gospel. As she stood up and was cursing around, suddenly the healing power of God touched her leg and she was totally healed. Immediately, she gave her life to Jesus.

### **Faith – PISTIS – has two parts:**

1. **Trust** → Jesus as Savior, healer, and deliverer
2. **Obedience** → To Jesus as Lord and King

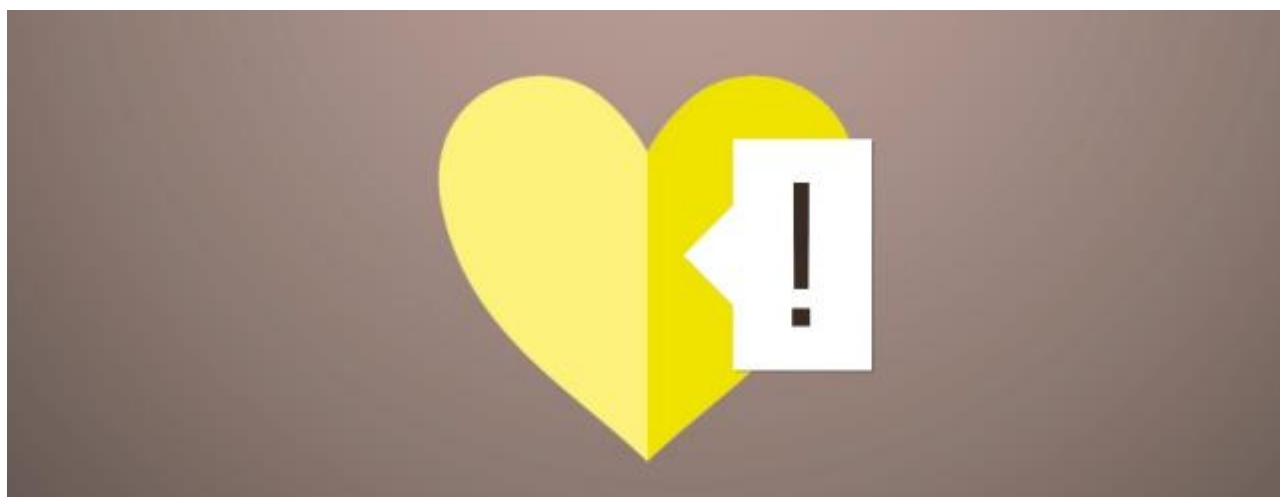
**Practically:** Proclaim the God's word as long as necessary, until people have faith in their hearts.

→ Faith comes by hearing the word of God!

Experiences with the power of the Holy Spirit are/can be a HUGE CATALYST for people to make a decision for Jesus.

→ When trust is there, the second step comes:

## **2. Repentance**



→ Repentance is a matter of the heart

In our hearts we recognize that we are sinners:

- A) The sin of not trusting in God
- B) The sins as a transgression of his commandments

**Questions:** Do we trust in Jesus and are ready to willingly and joyfully repent and turn away from the old life?

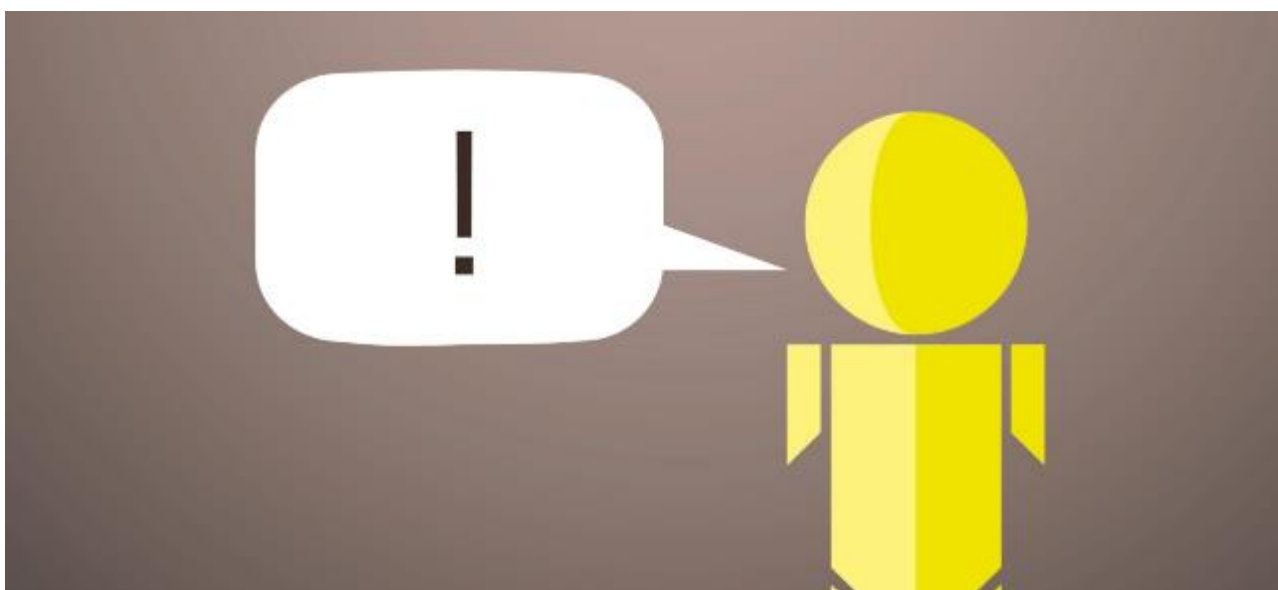
**Thought:** NOT the recognition of ALL sin but at least a recognition of some sin must exist. At least: THE sin that we didn't trust Jesus as our Lord and Savior and some recognition of our moral sins must exist.

Besides the original sin of distrust/unbelief against God (John 16:9), there are more than 100 named moral sins in the bible. Many among them are listed in so called „sin lists“.

### Bible passages with sin lists

- Matthew 22:38 (the greatest Commandment)
- Exodus 20:1-17 (10 Commandments)
- Matthew 15:19
- Romans 1:24-31
- 1 Corinthians 6:9-10
- Galatians 5:17-21
- Revelation 21:8

### Repentance: With the mouth



#### **1 John 1:8-9**

*If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

- If faith exists
- Give time to prove the heart

#### **Psalms 139:23-24**

*Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*

- ⇒ We must recognize it in our own hearts
- ⇒ Confess the sins to the Lord, by yourself or together with the person leading you
- ⇒ Ask Jesus and the Father in Heaven for forgiveness and to cleanse you from all sin: take time (or give it some time) to really turn away from the old life and repent for what you've done wrong

- ➔ What is explained here, won't be mentioned again later in counselling
- ⇒ When we really declare the sins we recognized in our hearts with our mouth and ask for forgiveness,
- ⇒ Then the Lord promises black on white that he will forgive all our sins. But not only the sins we can remember and declared with our mouths – but he cleanses us from **ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS**
- ⇒ So, our sin is gone forever and the Lord will never think of it again

### **Jeremiah 31:34**

*...No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the Lord. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."*

### **Repentance**



### **Acts 26:20**

*First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and then to the Gentiles, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and demonstrate their repentance by their deeds.*

To repent means:

- a) To recognize sin in our hearts
- b) To confess the sin to the Lord, possibly together with someone else
- c) Compensate, where necessary (e.g. pay back debts)

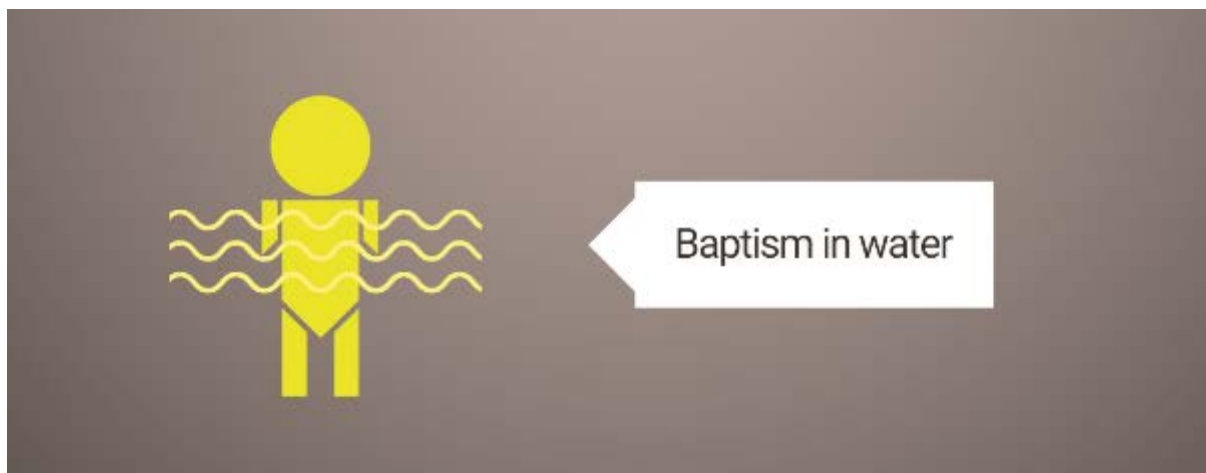
### **Luke 19:8**

*But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."*

- d) Stop sinning and begin walking the ways of the Lord and obeying his commandments

### 3. Water baptism

Baptize directly after repentance (or both together)



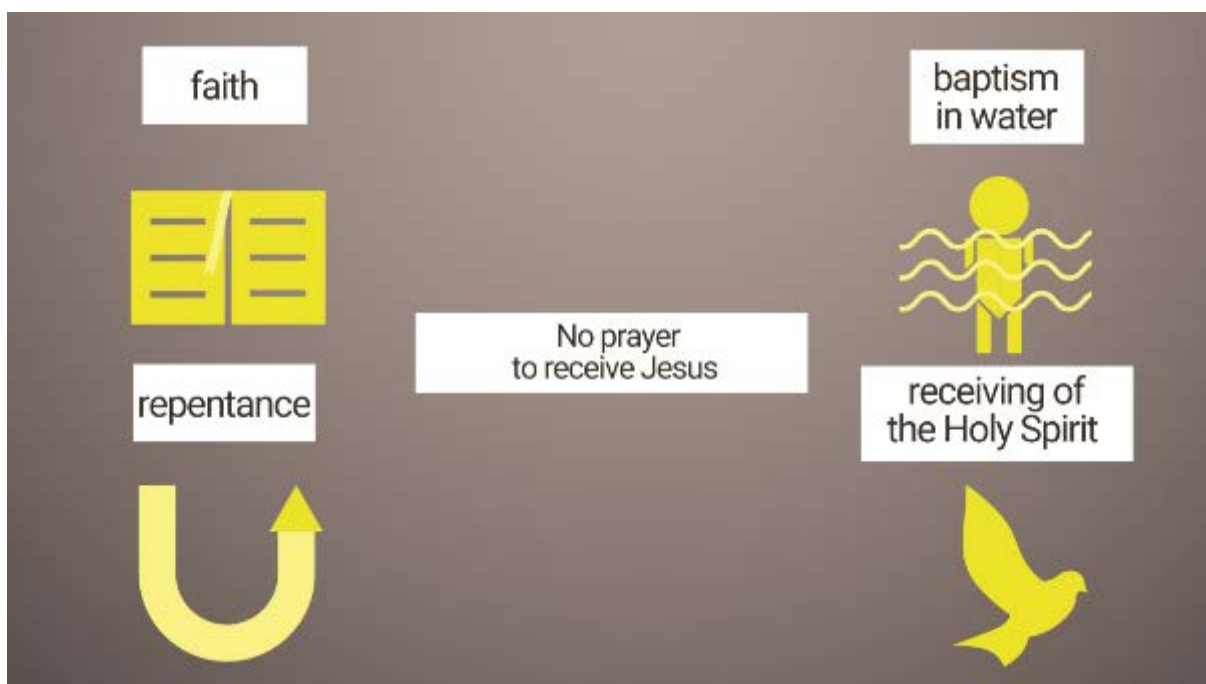
#### **Matthew 28:18-20**

*Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

#### **The sent ones baptize the disciples:**

Baptism is an execution of the new birth and a clear sign of decision – NOT a sign of maturity. Baptism is an expression of our willingness to have a change of government within our lives.

In the New Testament, there is NO such a thing as a salvation prayer → the reception of salvation (faith, repentance and obedience) was not declared by a salvation prayer (sinners prayer) but through baptism.





1. Faith
2. Repentance
3. Baptism
4. Receiving the Holy Spirit

### **Baptism is the EXECUTION**

(Compare with the prescription of a property)

- 1) Of repentance
- 2) Of the death to the old nature/life without Jesus as Lord and Savior
- 3) Of the resurrection of the new man to a new eternal life freely given by Jesus under the government of King Jesus and as a part of his worldwide body

Or in other words: by being baptized, repentance and faith (as a trust in Jesus as Savior and obedience to Jesus as Lord and King) are exercised/carried out.

These three aspects (named above) are also exercised within baptism:

- 1) In the same way the water covers us and cleanses us, we are covered by the blood of Jesus

#### **Acts 2:38**

*Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

#### **Ephesians 5:26**

*...to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word*

#### **1 Peter 3:21**

*and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ,*

- 2) Just as the body is submersed into the water backwards, the old nature is buried with Jesus Christ.

#### **Romans 6:3-4**

*Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.*

- 3) Just as the body rises up from the water, we will rise up as a part of his worldwide body to a new eternal life freely given under the government of King Jesus.

#### **Colossians 2:12**

*Having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through your faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead.*

In all of the 10 «extensively» described new births in the book of Acts, people were immediately baptized. The new births were always executed with water baptism.

The practice of baptism shall be described here in the form of Q & A catalogue:

### **1. Who can be baptized?**

**New believers:** As soon someone hears the Gospel and has faith in his heart to be saved, he/she shall repent and be baptized, as a sign of the remission of the sins.

### **2. Who should baptize?**

Normally, the one who led the person to faith. This could be a pastor, an evangelist or a follower of Christ without a specific ministry. It could be a man or a woman, a younger or older person, a new believer or a follower of Christ for years.

### **3. When should someone be baptized?**

Every person in the book of acts except for Paul were baptized in water the same day they were saved. The shorter the time between someone «comes to faith» and the baptism, the better. Baptism strengthens the decision to follow Jesus passionately.

### **4. Where should the baptism take place?**

Wherever there's water!

### **5. How can someone be baptized?**

By submerging the person under water.

### **6. What spiritual conditions need to be met, for someone to be baptized?**

Faith and repentance.

### **7. How can we prove if these conditions – faith and repentance – are met?**

By asking the person who wants to be baptized. He/she will make a declaration.

### **Romans 10:9-10**

*If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.*

#### **Questioning for the baptism:**

- You have decided to follow Jesus and him alone?
- You know in your heart that Jesus forgave you of all your sins?
- Do you declare that you want to follow Jesus and that you won't turn away from him?
- Do you want to follow Jesus – even if you are mocked, persecuted or killed?

#### **Questioning for the baptism:**

"Do you declare through your baptism that Jesus Christ forgave all your sins and do you also declare that through baptism you want to bury your old life and rise to your new life with Christ as your Savior?" **"YES!"**

**«According to YOUR declaration, I baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit!»**

**8. Shall a person that was baptized as a little baby be re-baptized?**

Yes, because the so-called children's baptism is not a biblical baptism but rather a blessing or a proclamation.

**9. Is there a minimum age to be baptized?**

No. As soon as there is real faith and repentance in the heart someone can be baptized.

**10. Shall «backsliders» be re-baptized after a new beginning in following Jesus?**

No. In that case one could possibly do a renewal-ceremony. "One" Lord, "one" faith, "one" baptism! (Ephesians 4:5)

**11. How do you practically baptize someone?**

- It's easier when two people baptize together.
- The person to be baptized stands, kneels or sits in the water and is submerged backwards under water (symbol of burying someone). The person can hold his/her nose.
- The person to be baptized stands in the water and is baptized by being submerged under water.
- If there is little water or there are no creeks, lakes or rivers, the person can be baptized in a bath tub, barrel or a pot, etc.
- If you are in the water together with the person to be baptized, you can remain silent for a while to give time for the person to focus and to prove his/her heart again. The person either repented before or now is the time to repent from his/her old life.
- After that, the baptism questioning follows: "Do you declare through your baptism that Jesus Christ forgave all your sins and do you also declare that through baptism you want to bury your old life and rise to your new life with Christ as your Savior, Lord and King?" **"YES!"**

**"According to YOUR declaration, I baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit!"**

**12. Must the baptism happen in public, semi-public or in secret?**

Baptism is not primarily an act of a public testimony, but rather an execution of the new birth and a sign for the decision to follow Christ, as well as the expression of the change of spiritual government in life. So, it's possible to use baptism in public as a testimony, but sometimes it's wise to execute a baptism semi-public or in secret.

**What happens directly after the baptism?**

**4. Receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit**

The baptized person now meets all conditions (faith, repentance, baptism) to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. That's why we now lay hands on the baptized person and ask the Lord to give him/her the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**Acts 19:1-7**

*While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." So Paul*

asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?" "John's baptism," they replied. Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve men in all.

- ⇒ Jesus is the one that baptizes with the Holy Spirit – nobody else!
- ⇒ Every person who wants to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, must look to Jesus and trust him that he/she will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- ⇒ To support the reception/baptism, we lay hands on the baptized people.
- ⇒ Pray in great faith for the reception/baptism of the Holy Spirit.

### **Luke 11:10-13**

*For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"*

### **Matthew 7:9-11**

*"Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!"*

- ⇒ We expect and give space for the gift of the Holy Spirit to be an unmistakable experience.

### **Overflowing from the mouth:**

- Praise God and His great marvelous works
- Pray in tongues
- Call God our beloved „Abba“, our beloved Father = proclamation that God himself is my Father
- Give testimony for the Lord Jesus Christ
- Receive and declare prophetic messages

## **Part II: Application**

- a) Someone from the group summarizes this teaching in his own words. If anything is missing, the others can add to the summary.

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b) Group discussion.

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c) Write down personal revelations from the teaching.

**Task:**

In a role play you lead your partner to faith:

- A) Share who Jesus is
  - B) Explain the way of salvation
  - C) Then, prove if faith exists
  - D) Lead the act of repentance
  - E) Carry out a baptism
  - F) Prayer for the reception/baptism of the Holy Spirit. Give space, so the gift of the Holy Spirit can be an unmistakable experience for the person – in other words a manifestation of the tongue.
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### Part III: Outreach

Regular practice of **GOING** (2-3 times a week, 6-9 hours in total) to the unreached of the ethnic group God put on your heart. This should be accompanied by 2-3 prayer walks (4-6 hours) each week.

1. PRAYER – Prayer walks with the team/a partner ☐
2. GO – (2:2 or as a team) to the unreached God put on your heart ☐
3. PREACH – the gospel of the Kingdom of God ☐
4. SHARE – the way of salvation ☐

**BEsent is a training - without practice it is almost useless!**