

Acts

OF IDENTITY OF
CHRISTIAN

BAPTISM &
LORD'S SUPPER

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Dedication

I dedicate this book to my entire spiritual and biological family.

To all those who have supported me in my life in one way or another.

Preface

It is difficult to resist the Holy Spirit when one has already become accustomed to listening to him and being led by him.

Confusion and lack of seriousness which take place in the lives of those who call themselves Christians and who are not, occurred to me the idea of writing about the elements of identification of authentic Christians.

Simon Peter who followed Jesus Christ into the court of the priests, although he had mingled with the crowd was soon identified as a disciple of Christ. There were external marks by which he was recognized.

Who are members of the local churches today? How did they belong to these churches? There is a need to ask ourselves these questions. A few years ago, I had to teach about how to become a member of the body of Christ. I talked about baptism and the Lord's supper. There have been members of the church who entrusted in the baptism they have administered when they were babies and asking them to be baptized by immersion at their adult age is nonsense.

The fakes are also those who were baptized by immersion before their new birth. As people need to know is that the new birth comes after listening to the evangelical message by faith and repentance that leads to conversion because the Bible says: "he who

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will believe, will be baptized". Some did it by formalities or group feelings, or to please others. As a result, they find themselves in their old lives.

If membership to an organization materializes through acts of membership, entry into the kingdom of God is through baptism and the holy supper. This is the purpose of this book that I make available to those who want to find an answer to one of the questions they have asked themselves.

My prayer is that God uses this book to bring salvation to those who believed they were in the right according to the heretical practices to which they were subjected.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who have made any contribution and I feel indebted to them for their services.

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INTRODUCTION

Today, everyone calls himself Christian that it becomes risky to believe on a word to the Christian faith. Membership of a given institution is certified by certain marks: the identity of the person must be registered, and documents established.

A look in the Old Testament shows us that the Israelites circumcised male children to mark their membership in the community covenant and commitment to obedience. Likewise, they had celebrated the Passover with physical symbols of a meal and other varied rituals, to remember each year the great deliverance of their ancestors from Egypt to the Exodus (Exodus 12). They had killed a flawless lamb that was the foreshadowing of Christ.

A few years ago, I applied to British Government for citizenship. I was subjected to several formalities. After reviewing my complete file, they answered favourably my request. I had to go before the State authorities to sign the deed of allegiance to the Queen of England. Today I hold the certificate of nationality granted by the HOME OFFICE. Similarly, when you believe in the gospel of Christ, you decide to accept Him as Lord and Personal Saviour, you mark the step of your conversion through sincere repentance, so you are adopted into the Christian family. Thus, you move on to the formalities of certification of your

membership by what we call "the acts of the identity of the Christian".

All human communities have symbols and rites through which they express their sense of identity and unity.

In relation with the Church of Jesus Christ, the Master Jesus instituted two external signs as sacraments that must be observed by His Church: baptism and the Lord's Supper, otherwise called the Lord's Supper.

In the New Testament, these two sacraments are given using ordinary things of life such as water, bread, and wine they consecrate as signs of great gospel truths. Everyone who accepts Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour with a good conscience is adopted into the house of God where he dwells by baptism and the Lord's Supper. Those who are in the Church and who do not go through these two acts are unknown to God. Those who believe manifest it by these two acts to confirm their membership.

Christ says in Matthew 7:21-23: "Many will say to me on that day: Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied by your name? Haven't we cast out the demons by your name? and haven't we done many miracles by your name? Then I will say to them openly: I have never known you, withdraw from me, you who commit iniquity. »

It is foolish to claim to have accepted Christ as Lord and Saviour and refuse to comply with His instructions on baptism and Lord's Supper. Apostle

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In the past, not knowing God, you served gods who are not of their nature; but now that you have known God, or rather that you have been known to God, how do you return to those weak and poor rudiments, to which you want to enslave yourself again? (Galatians 4:8).

The apostle in his epistle to the Romans chapter 6:4-14 defines the Christian doctrine that makes the essence of life for every Christian.

I shall now reply to the questions commonly asked in connection with these two acts in the following two chapters.