

Evangelism, Baptism, and the Visible Church

Opening Question

What do you tell new converts about baptism and church membership?

Passages to Consider

Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 2:37-47, 8:34-39, 10:44-48, 16:13-15 and 31-34; Romans 10:9-13; Matthew 10:32-33; I Corinthians 12:12-13; Matthew 16:19

Teachings of the Confession

1. Chapter 25, Paragraph 2
2. Chapter 28, Paragraphs 1-2
3. A Summary by Charles Hodge

Five Key Truths

1. Believers o_____ Jesus and His W_____.
2. Believers p_____ their f_____ before men.
3. There is no ordinary possibility of s_____ o_____ of the v_____ c_____.
4. B_____ is the sign and seal of a_____ into the v_____ c_____.
5. As a sacrament of the church, it should be a_____ by o_____ of the church.

Answer to Opening Question

In obedience to Christ, tell the elders of a nearby church (Grace OPC in Costa Mesa comes to mind) that you have repented of your sin and trust only in Christ for salvation, and ask them to baptize you so that you may profess your faith before men and be admitted into Christ's visible church.