

The following is an unedited email I sent to presidencyresponse@cofchrist.org concerning baptism and open communion.

I read the letter from the church I got in the mail today, April 03, 2009 and I want to share my comments and concerns.

First paragraph states, "... with particular attention to the policy requiring rebaptism of baptized Christians who want to become church members."

It is not possible for a person to be re-baptized, simply because they were not yet baptized. They were most sincere and went through the motions and all but the person(s) they went to for baptism **DO NOT HAVE** the priesthood authority to do so!

I have been a member of this church since I was 8 years old and am not a member of the priesthood. If someone with all sincerity came to me and asked me to baptize them and if I went through the motions of doing so, would the church then consider that person baptized?

I don't think so and the reason is because I do not have the priesthood authority to do so. And if I went to a bible or other college that another church has and uses as a requirement for the ones they call "priesthood" and graduated with even reasonably good grades would I then have the authority to be called "priesthood" and then be able to baptize a person?

I don't think so!

ONLY those with the priesthood authority from **GOD** can baptize a person! Anyone else can call themselves priesthood from whatever source or means but they are not unless they are called by **GOD** in **HIS** church and absolutely no where else!

So, when a person joins **HIS** church, they are baptized for the first and only time by someone who **HAS** the priesthood authority to do so! No other church has this priesthood authority!

Communion.

Communion is renewing the covenant made at baptism. One cannot renew a covenant that they have not yet made. Yes, the sincerity is there but the covenant has not yet been made because they have not yet been baptized by a person who has the priesthood authority to do so.

I was at one time something like 99% of being close to accepting open communion. I prayed and ask God, "What do **YOU** say concerning this?" My answer soon came at a communion service where the Holy Spirit guided me to listen to what was being said in the communion message. After I heard the words, 'we are renewing the covenant we made at baptism' it occurred to me that we cannot renew a covenant that we have not made. Thus I went from being 99% of being close to accepting open communion to 100% being against it! My prayer concerning open communion was answered!

This all ties together. If one considers that a non-member should be able to take communion then one should consider that they were baptized by a person who has the priesthood authority to do so. Since this is **NOT** the case and cannot ever be the case then not only is a person from another church **NOT** yet baptized they also cannot renew a covenant that they have not yet made and thus cannot be served communion.

And if anyone would even remotely consider those from church's that claim to baptize babies, they should read the Book of Mormon, Moroni chapter 8 verse 10. Even so, they should read all of chapter 8.

The plain and simple answer is in section 20 of The Doctrine and Covenants.

Sincerely,

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