

Becoming Anabaptist

*“Jesus answered and said,
Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of,
and to be baptized with the baptism
that I AM BAPTIZED WITH?”
-Matthew 20:22*

Deciding to become Anabaptist has nothing whatsoever to do with walking down a church aisle, shaking the pastor’s hand, and filling out a Membership Index Card. Neither does it have anything to do with water poured over your head, or sprinkled in your face, or into which you are dunked once, twice or three times forward or backwards. When Christ asked His disciples “Are ye able...to be baptized with the baptism that I AM baptized with?” both He and His disciples, to a man, had already been baptized into water (see Matthew 3:13-17/ Mark 1:9-11/ Luke 3:21/ John 4:1, 2). Christ spoke very definitively of *Another Baptism*, one of suffering and death, about which Christ attested to His disciples, saying,

*“Ye shall drink indeed of MY CUP,
and BE BAPTIZED with the BAPTISM
that IAM BAPTIZED with.”
-Matthew 20:23/ Mark 10:39*

Anabaptism, as a transliteration, means “AN other BAPTISM”, and God being “the Author and Finisher of our Faith” (Hebrews 12:2), stands as the Author of that name so hated and despised by the world, and every major denomination of professing Christianity today. As a compound

The word for “martyr” (Acts 22:20/ Revelation 2:13) in the Word of God means “a witness”, coming from the μαρτυς, which the Holy Ghost also translated twenty nine times as “witness”. Thus a martyr is the final witness. Accordingly, God Almighty has written 2,000 years of human history into the annals of the body of Christ, whereby God fixed within those pages by the Roman Imperial Code, that every martyr of Jesus Christ in the history of the church was called and condemned as an “**Anabaptists**”. “**Ana**” is the Hebrew verb for “bear witness” [הָעָד] see (Isaiah 43:10-13/ Exodus 32:16/ Numbers 35:30/ Deuteronomy 5:20/ 31:21/ 1 Samuel 12:3/ Job 16:8). The Anabaptists Martyrs were “witnesses unto Christ” (Acts 1:8/ 22:15 c.f. Isaiah 43:10-13) of Christ’s baptism unto death, even the death of the cross. Hence, ‘Anabaptists’; to bear witness by baptism unto death of the manifestation of God in Christ as Christ in US where “by ONE SPIRIT are WE ALL BAPTIZED into ONE BODY” (1 Corinthians 12:13), making us “ALL ONE IN CHRIST JESUS” (Galatians 3:28).

*“Ye **ARE** MY WITNESSES,*

saith the Lord,
and MY SERVANT whom I have chosen:
that ye may know ME,
and understand that
I AM HE!"

-Isaiah 43:10

"Therefore, YE ARE MY WITNESSES,
saith the Lord, that
I AM GOD."

-43:11

"Yea, BEFORE the day WAS
I AM HE!"

-43:13

You do not become one by filling out a Membership Card of a who's who roll call of well dressed, meaningfully enlightened Christians by whatever name your historic Catholic or Protestant denomination calls itself. The world called Jesus Christ, a malefactor, a blasphemer and no friend of Ceasar, with "**many of them saying, He hath a devil and is mad**" (John 10:20). They called Elijah "he that troubleth Israel" (1 Kings 18:17), and called the Apostle Paul "this Babbler" (Acts 17:18), and "a pestilent fellow, and a mover of sedition" (Acts 24:5). Since the Roman Imperial Code was written in 529 A.D. all of the governments of this world have called "the witness[es] of Jesus, and for the Word of God" (Revelation 20:4) **Anabaptists** without exception.

QUESTION: Are you certain that you truly want to become one?

The path to Anabaptism is not through the door of a church building, but rather precedes down the Highway of Holiness (Isaiah 35:8) right into the manifestation of Jesus Christ in your flesh as "the Epistle of Christ...written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the Living God...in fleshy tables of the heart" (2 Corinthians 3:3) by "the ministration of the Spirit" (vs. 8). By that ministration of the Spirit all they who are "baptized into Jesus Christ are baptized into His death" (Romans 6:3), "even the death of the cross" (Philippians 2:8), whereon we are daily "crucified with Christ" (Galatians 2:20) and "**always bear about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the Life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body. For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the Life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh**" (2 Corinthians 4:10, 11). That anabaptism, by the ministration of the Spirit of the Lord, for "the Lord is that Spirit" (2 Corinthians 3:17), makes us one body in Christ, even "**the body of His flesh, through death, to present you Holy and Unblameable and Unreprovable IN HIS SIGHT**" (Colossians 1:22) "IF ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel" (vs. 23); always abiding as members in particular of that ONE BODY. There are more verses in the New Testament on being partakers of Christ's sufferings than there are on you going to heaven when you die. Did you

know that? The Christianity of this world has become the apostasy of 2 Thessalonians 2:3, and the threshold welcome matt to the second coming of “the son of perdition” (2:3 c.f. John 6:70, 71) and the bloodiest days of Anabaptists history the world has yet to know. The Anabaptist do not wish to frighten you or your shallow Christianity, nor make light of the best you have done so far for Christ. But there is still to this very hour just ONE BODY, for “the Body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, BEING MANY, are *STILL ONE BODY*” (1 Corinthians 12:12), and the reason why you have allowed lazy, for hire ministers to teach you otherwise, is because the MANY have grown into a multitude of professing Christians, like yourself, that have lost their abode in in Christ, which abode is absolutely, without exception, in “the body of His flesh” (Colossians 1:22) as “members of His body, and of His flesh, and of His bones” (Ephesians 5:30).

*“Abide IN ME,
and I IN YOU.*

*As the branch CANNOT bear fruit of itself,
except it abide in the vine.*

*If a man **ABIDE NOT in Me,**
he is cast forth as a branch,
as IS WITHERED.”*

-John 15:4, 6

Christian! Are you tired of your dried up Christianity? When will you be honest with yourself, and admit you are withering away in your comfortable fundamentals of whatever faith you may still have left, that doesn’t want to be subject to the likes of some of us, who live to die each day for Jesus Christ, for no other reason than we just love Him because He first loved us, and wish to live like we do in “**filling up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in our flesh for HIS BODY’S SAKE, which IS...STILL IS the Church**” (Colossians 1:24) we are a member of. To join us, will not be easy for you in leaving whatever dead Christianity you are involved in, but it will change you forever, in a ministration of the Spirit of God whereby we “with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, **ARE CHANGED** into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord” (2 Corinthians 3:18). Your Christianity needs to be changed, for the Bible and Christ never change. And though it still may well cost you “the loss of all things...to win Christ” (Philippians 3:8), you will never, ever be the same again, and as Anabaptists, we will help you as “members one of another” (Romans 12:5/ Ephesians 4:25).

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