

Welcome!

Session Nine:

An introduction to the
sacramental life of the church:

Baptism and Confirmation - being 'clothed with Christ'

What is a Sacrament?

Outward and
visible sign

Inward and
Spiritual Grace

signs and symbols



A symbol rather than a sign



A sign, not just a symbol

How many
Sacraments?

Two "Gospel Sacraments"



Baptism



Eucharist

Sacramental Rites

Roman Catholic Church teaches there are seven sacraments. Many Anglican churches believe and teach this. Episcopal Church catechism uses term "Sacramental Rites" for the remaining five that are not explicitly commanded by the Lord.



Confirmation



Ordination



Reconciliation (Confession)



Healing



Marriage

Build up the
Body of Christ

The Sacraments are to build up the Body of Christ.
NEXT- RC video on the sacraments

Next talk about Baptism

“They are to be celebrated”

What difference does Baptism make?
John the Baptist - Jesus - Peter & early Church

“They are to be **lived**”

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Baptism

Why baptize? Jesus told us to...
John the Baptist baptized in the Jordan...



A Baptism of Repentance (turning around) for Jews.

“In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.’ ”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.”

JOHN POINTS TO one coming after him...Lamb of God...I baptize with water...he will baptize with the Holy Spirit and with Fire.



Jesus made the water of baptism holy when he was baptized...Mark 1:9
In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."



Jesus also commanded his apostles to...Matthew 28:16: *Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore 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 that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*



On the Day of Pentecost, St Peter preaches his first sermon and the people ask what they must do...Acts 2:38-42: *Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."*
And to this day, this has been the manner of entry into the church.

- *Presentation and examination of the Candidates*
- *Baptismal Covenant*
- *Prayer for the candidates*
- *Baptism*

The Rite

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?
Answer I renounce them.
Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Answer I renounce them.
Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?
Answer I renounce them.

Three-fold renunciation (repentance)

μετάνοια
metanoia

Three-fold renunciation (repentance)
 Greek word *metanoia* - 'turning around'

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?
Answer I do.
Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?
Answer I do.
Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?
Answer I do.

A three-fold turning to Christ

Outward and
Visible Signs



Water of baptism



Water - life/cleansing/washing



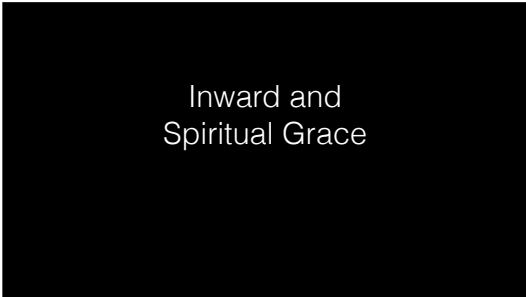
Oil - catechumens (athletes) and Holy Chrism



Light of Christ



Clothing with the white garment "Put on Christ"



Born again - death - life - womb - water - clothing with Christ



The Font...the place of rebirth for the Christian

N, I baptize you in the Name of the
Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Next - reflection on baptism...then prayer

Next form of words...
(any Christian can baptize in an emergency!)

Baptism is not a 'moment'
but entry into a journey.

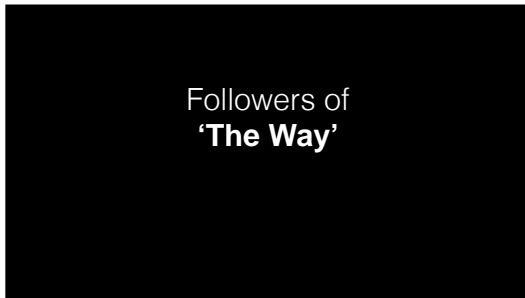
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Conversion

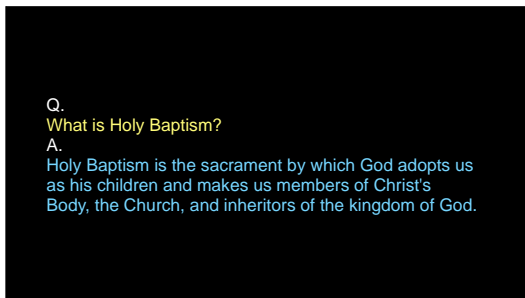
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making friends and pilgrims...



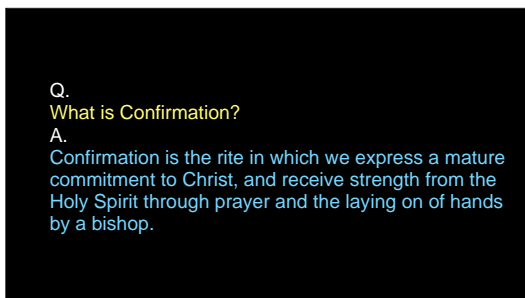
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Next slide: What is baptism?



Next slide: What is confirmation?



Next slide: Anglican Gathering Toronto 1991

Toronto 1991
'Walk in Newness of Life'

Anglicans gathered in Toronto in 1991: Issued a report on initiation - 'Walk in Newness of Life'
Next slide: Baptism is full initiation.

**Baptism alone
is full initiation**

Next slide: "So what is confirmation?"

So what about
Confirmation?

EARLY CHURCH - baptism-confirmation-eucharist
Orthodox Church...
Next slide: Is Confirmation necessary?



EARLY CHURCH - baptism-confirmation-eucharist
Orthodox Church confirms at baptism in the same rite
Next slide: The EASTER VIGIL>>>





Mention the 'gasp' at Exeter!



Baptism helps us live
out our journey

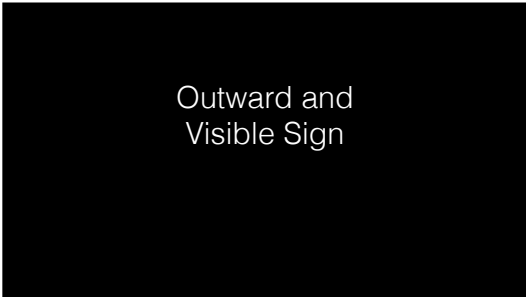
Toronto Statement: "The journey into faith involves a process that includes awareness of God, recognition of God's work in Christ, entering into the Christian story through the scriptures, turning to Christ as Lord, incorporation into the body of Christ, nurture within the worshipping community, and being equipped and commissioned for ministry and mission in the world."

MISSION

Misseo - The Mass - The *dismissal* -
interesting... 'The Last Gospel'



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Outward and
Visible Sign



The Laying on of hands or 'confirming' the baptism





The Holy Chrism





Inward and Spiritual Grace

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Next slide - recap mission

MISSION

Next slide: VIDEO
What is mission - evangelical

Baptism is the source
from which the entire
Christian Life springs

Baptism helps us live
out our journey

Next slides: the other sacraments...help us on our journey and means baptism is a process rather than just a moment.



Baptism is the beginning of a journey...



Confirmation is claiming our place as missionaries in the world
note: adults should be baptized AND confirmed at the same service,

*All praise and thanks to you,
most merciful Father,
for adopting us as your own children,
for incorporating us into your holy Church,
and for making us worthy to share
in the inheritance of the saints in light;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Let us pray.

Next week:
*They Recognized Him in the Breaking of the Bread":
The Eucharist at the Heart of Our Common Life*