

## The Gospel Revealed Through Jesus's Baptism

Office ladies podcast.

**The baptism of Jesus reveals deep truths about God and the Gospel, so remember your baptism.**

### **I. Jesus's baptism reveals his grace toward sinners**

-John's baptism was a baptism of repentance  
-Jesus was sinless

Jesus **saw sinners flocking** to John's baptism. Clearly he decided to take his place with them. At the outset of his ministry he publicly **identified himself with the sinners he came to save.**<sup>1</sup>

***A. Jesus consecrates baptism so that we can know we are united to Him by faith***

Your baptism derives its power and significance (it becomes a sacred, spiritual act) from Jesus being baptized.

-Embodied beings  
-saying I love you vs receiving a hug  
-life of faith is hard, God gives us tangible assurances

#### **121. What is a sacrament?**

A sacrament is an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace. God gives us the sign as a means by which we receive that grace and as a tangible assurance that we do in fact receive it. (Genesis 17:1–21; John 6:53–58; Romans 2:25–29; 1 Corinthians 10:16; 1662 Catechism)

**Illustration:** Luther's "I am baptized."

**Application:** Fight sin, remember your baptism

### ***B. Jesus submits himself to the will of the Father, to be our righteousness***

-John's baptism a baptism of repentance, but Jesus had no sin to repent of  
-repentance not just turning from sin, but committing to God (v. 8, fruits worthy of repentance).

Jesus submits his (human) will to the Father's will, committing himself to God's purposes no matter what.  
-fulfill all righteousness

He **Buried the old Adam** in this act of obedience, and in his perfect life secured righteousness for us. When we believe in him, we are given His righteousness (**Phil 3:9**).

#### **Illustration:**

Bunyan, *Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners* (bio)

229. But one day, as I was passing in the field, and that too with some dashes on my conscience, fearing lest yet all was not right, suddenly this sentence fell upon my soul, ***Thy righteousness is in heaven***; and methought withal, I saw with the **eyes of my soul**, Jesus Christ at God's right hand: there, I say, was my righteousness; so that **wherever I was, or whatever I was doing, God could not say of me, *He lacks My righteousness*; for that was just before Him. I also saw moreover, that it was not my good frame of heart that made my righteousness better, nor yet my bad frame that made my righteousness worse; for my righteousness was Jesus Christ Himself, *The same yesterday, to-day, and for ever.*** Heb. xiii. 8.

**Jesus's baptism reveals his grace toward sinners**  
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**II. Jesus's baptism reveals that God's grace is offered to all people.**

<sup>1</sup> Leon Morris, *Luke: An Introduction and Commentary*, vol. 3, Tyndale New Testament Commentaries (Downer's Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, 1988), 118.

-Through Jesus's ministry and teaching, baptism (not circumcision) becomes the sign of initiation into the covenant.  
-Great Commission  
-sign of the Old Covenant was circumcision, which was fitting because the promises were to Abraham and his descendants... but the sign of the New Covenant is a sign that can be received by all (Gentiles).

-This is the realization that Peter came to in our Acts reading. Cornelius, the Gentile had come to faith, received the Spirit (v. 45) and so they were baptized (v. 48).

-This was God's plan all along, to bless all the nations through Israel, but it was only fully revealed (brought out into the light) through the Gospel.

#### **Application:**

Therefore, any form of ethnic or racial boasting of division is a denial of the Good News that

-“everyone who believes in his name receives forgiveness of sins through his name” (v. 43)

-Everything Jesus does reveals God (Hebrews 1:3: He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.)  
-No surprise at such a significant moment in the life of Jesus we would learn something new and deep .

#### **A. Three Persons in One God**

-You can see this in v. 22  
-Holy Spirit, Son, Father (voice from heaven)  
-Confirmed in the Great Commission , the one Name into which we are baptized.

#### **B. Three Persons in One God acting together to bring salvation**

-(Isa 42:1-2) Three persons Servant, Spirit, God (v. 5)  
-In his baptism Jesus is Commissioned and confirmed (by Father's sending the Spirit) as this servant who brings justice to the nations, and doesn't break a bruised reed.  
-He has compassion on the nations, whoever would approach him with humility he welcomes

#### **Conclusion:**

If you are baptized and believe in his name,

-Union therefore Isa 42:6 – “I will take you by the hand and keep you”  
-Righteousness – no fear of judgment,

You are God's

- Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights

God speaks over you:

“You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”

Walk in love, remember your baptism, and rest in his grace. Amen.

### **III. Jesus's baptism reveals the mystery of the Trinity**