

Sermon Notes
Jan 13/19 – Luke 3:15-22
Hope Revealed 2: Cleansing for Our Stains

Summary: In those times when we are confronted with what we have done wrong, we can become overwhelmed with guilt. But Jesus, God the Son, was born and baptized to become one of us so he could pay the full cost of cleansing us from all our sin. Through Baptism, Jesus makes us beloved, forgiven children of God who greatly please our Heavenly Father.

Core Idea: Through Baptism, Jesus washes us clean of all of our sins and makes us beloved children who greatly please our Heavenly Father.

Intro: My old hoodie, stained beyond cleansing and soon to be thrown away

I. What do we do with people who are stained?

- A. The truck driver in the Humboldt bus crash
- B. We human beings do not have an effective way of dealing with _____
 - 1. We create different categories of sin
 - 2. When we think someone is stained beyond cleansing, we _____ them away

C. We also do this to ourselves

1. When we are stained beyond what we think can be cleansed
2. We think of ourselves as _____
3. We develop harmful coping mechanisms

D. When we get stained beyond cleansing, we have no

II. **Hope Revealed** (Luke 3:15-22)

A. Jesus has been revealed as the God who brings us

B. A curious sight

1. Jesus received a baptism for the forgiveness of sins
2. Even though he did not have any _____

III. **Digging Deeper**

A. What is Baptism?

1. The word “baptize” means “to _____”
2. John the Baptist
 - a. Called on people to repent (Luke 3:16-17)
 - b. Invited them to receive a _____ for the forgiveness of their sins

B. What did Jesus do?

1. He stood in our place and took what is _____ upon himself—all the guilt for all our sin—so that he could give us what is _____—purity, wholeness, and a right relationship with our heavenly Father.
2. Was revealed as _____ the Son
3. The voice of his Father - “You are my dearly loved Son, and you bring me great joy.”

C. What does that mean for us?

1. When someone is told that they are loved unconditionally and that they are a source of great _____ by someone whom they treasure and love
 - i. It gives them hope
 - ii. It gives them _____
 2. And when that message comes from God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
 - a. It gives us a sure and certain _____
- A. Application: Through the Baptism Jesus gives us those words of love and joy from our heavenly Father spoken over Jesus are also words that he speaks over you

Conclusion: The new trajectory

- A. Imagine those words from our heavenly Father ringing in our ears?

- B. Jesus wants to set us on a new trajectory in life where every moment of our eternal life is directed and defined by the _____ that God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit have for us

- C. Staying on the new trajectory
 - 1. We _____ the Gospel to ourselves
 - 2. We remember who we ARE
 - a. A _____ our guilt
 - b. R _____ free and full forgiveness
 - c. E _____ the new identity we have through Baptism
 - 3. _____ others with the love that God has given to us