

## Resurrection Life!

### **Matthew 3:13-17**

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus went from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. <sup>14</sup> But John tried to talk him out of it. “I am the one who needs to be baptized by you,” he said, “so why are you coming to me?”

<sup>15</sup> But Jesus said, “It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires.”<sup>16</sup> So John agreed to baptize him.

<sup>16</sup> After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened<sup>17</sup> and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from heaven said, “This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy.”

### **Why was Jesus baptized?**

#### **1. Jesus was modeling submission.**

Baptism was given to us by God as a physical experience that illustrates a spiritual reality.

**John 5:19**, “So Jesus explained, “I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself. He does only what he sees the Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does.”

**John 3:30**, “He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less.”

The key to submission is faith in the goodness and wisdom of God.

Jesus is the perfect illustration of this.

#### **Philippians 2:6-11**

**1 Peter 5:6**, “So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor.”

God is good! Can you trust him with your life, relationships, time, money, career, marriage, and kids? If you want to live your best life, submit yourself to God.

#### **2. Jesus was modeling dependence.**

Baptism represents the death of my old life but also my spiritual birth into new life. My new life is a life of dependence.

I am dependent on God, the pressure is off!

#### **John 15:1-5**

#### **3. Jesus was foreshadowing his death and resurrection.**

**Why are we baptized?** We are baptized in order to build our faith and as a witness to everyone present. Baptism builds our faith by allowing us to have a physical experience that represents a spiritual reality. When we trusted in Christ we died to our old life of independence and are being resurrected to a new life of dependence.

**Why would we choose to live this way?** God's Kingdom and this world are passing away but Jesus is building an everlasting kingdom and He will reward us 100-fold for every sacrifice we make.

When Jesus comes up out of the water the Father speaks from heaven and says:

**1. We are Loved by God.**

John 3:16, Romans 5:8, 1 John 4:8b, Romans 8:39

How can you know that God loves you? John 15:13, John 1:12

**2. We are God's children.**

**Romans 8:14-19**

We want the best for our kids. Often they think I am just being demanding or picky. What I am trying to do is help them create their best life! That is what God is trying to do with us!

**3. We bring God great joy!**

- Discipline
- Work ethic
- Forgiveness
- Humility
- Grace
- Gratitude

In the moment, our kids can feel frustrated and even wonder if we are proud of them. We have to keep encouraging them and pushing them and one day they will thank us for it. The same thing is true with God.

**Colossians 3:1-15**, We are in Christ! What is true about Jesus is true about us.