

# THE BLESSING OF JESUS' BAPTISM

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**Matthew 3:13-17** Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

**Matthew 3:13** Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John.

**Matthew 3:5-6** People went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

**Matthew 3:14** But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?"

**John 1:29** The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

**Matthew 3:15** Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

**Matthew 3:15 (CSB)** Jesus answered him, "Allow it for now, because this is the way for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then John allowed him to be baptized.

**Matthew 3:15 (NLT)** But Jesus said, "It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires." So John agreed to baptize him.

**Matthew 3:15 (Message)** But Jesus insisted. "Do it. God's work, putting things right all these centuries, is coming together right now in this baptism." So John did it.

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## II. THREE THINGS JESUS IS DOING

1. *Relating*
2. *Modeling*
3. *Acting*

*A. First, He is Relating to Us*

*B. Second, He is Modeling for Us*

*C. Third, He is Acting to Bring Us Salvation*

**Isaiah 42:1** "Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations.

**Isaiah 53:4-5** Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

- The baptism of Jesus inaugurates the story that brings to us salvation.
- Communion

**1 Corinthians 11:27-29** So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves.

**1 Corinthians 11:23-24** For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me."

**1 Corinthians 11:25-26** In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**Matthew 3:16** As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on Him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased."

### III. THE TRINITY

#### *What is the Trinity?*

##### *1. God is three persons.*

**2 Corinthians 13:14** May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

##### *2. Each person is fully God.*

**John 1:1-3** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

**John 14:26** But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

**1 Corinthians 2:10-11** these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

**Matthew 28:19** Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

##### *3. There is one God.*

**Deuteronomy 6:4** Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

- When we fail to acknowledge the Trinity, we take away from the importance of the work of Jesus on the cross.
- When we fail to acknowledge the Trinity, we minimize the empowerment of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

*"But what does the Spirit look like? He's invisible-amorphous and cellophane. He may indwell us, but it rarely occurs to us to pray to him. At best he is just a supporting actor in the divine drama. The Holy Spirit is nice, and sometimes he makes us feel good in church, but we rarely have conversations with him. Jesus takes care of our personal stuff. God takes care of the Grand Canyon. And the Holy Spirit gets honorable mention at Communion and baptisms." — Calvin Miller*

**Acts 1:4-5** On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

**Matthew 4:1** Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

- The baptism of Jesus is a reminder that the Holy Spirit empowers us for both our calling and our challenges.