

Sunday, January 29, 2023
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“Let’s Go Down to the River”

Matthew 3:13-17

Today’s BIG IDEA:

Baptism is a public display of faith in Christ as Savior and Lord.

1. Jesus’ baptism shows that HE IS the Christ

A. It shows that Jesus is _____ (v.14)

B. It shows that Jesus is _____ (v.14)
(1 Peter 2:22; Hebrews 4:15)

C. It shows that Jesus is the _____ (v.15)

i. It shows Jesus SUBMITTING to the Father

ii. It shows Jesus STANDING in our place
(2 Corinthians 5:21)

iii. It shows Jesus’ SACRIFICE and resurrection
(Luke 12:50)

D. It shows that Jesus is one with the _____ (v.16)
(Matthew 4:1)

E. It shows that Jesus is the _____ of God (v.17)

2. Our baptism shows WHO WE ARE in Christ

A. Understand the _____ of baptism
(1 Peter 3:21)

- Baptism is an **outward** expression of an **inward** change.

B. Understand the _____ of baptism

i. Because Jesus MODELED it

ii. Because Jesus COMMANDED it
(Matthew 28:19)

iii. Because Jesus is GLORIFIED through it
(Romans 6:3-4)

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C. Understand the METHOD of baptism

i. Baptism occurs soon after CONVERSION

(Acts 2:41; 8:12-13)

ii. Baptism involves _____

(Matthew 3:16; Acts 8:36-38; Colossians 2:12)

iii. Baptism is a public PROCLAMATION

(2 Timothy 1:8)

iv. Baptism is a permanent _____

(Galatians 3:27)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. How does Jesus' baptism highlight who he is? Why was it important for him to be baptized even though he had no sin?
2. What is your baptism story? Have you trusted in Jesus? Have you been baptized by immersion after your salvation?
3. Who do you know that hasn't yet decided to follow Jesus? How can you encourage them to place their faith in him?