

WE CONFESS OUR NEED

Lord Jesus, you were one who deserved glory and honor, yet you humbled yourself as a man and submitted obediently to serve us sinners. Yet we too often ignore you, fail to follow you, and hope that we can find an easy way. But you identified with sinners and in your obedience unto death, revealed the perfect love that flows from your heart to a broken world. Heal us, Lord Jesus. Forgive us. Renew us. Make us again delight in the joy of your salvation and in the obedience which flows from love. Amen.

Isaiah 42:1-9

"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. He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his law the islands will put their hope."

This is what God the LORD says— he who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and all that comes out of it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it:

"I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols. See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Romans 6:1-11

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over

him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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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 lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Sermon Outline - January 13, 2008

"A Baptism for Jesus?"

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Introduction: "The unbaptized arm..."

A Baptism for Jesus?

Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." v.15

1. Be ready for God to _____.

"But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." v.11

2. Baptism is _____.

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He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior..."
Titus 3:5-6*

3. Jesus _____.

But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" v.14

4. God's _____ to the world.

And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." v.17

Answers to Sermon Outline:

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