



Pastor Doug Wilson, BETHANY · A PLACE OF NEW BEGINNINGS
January 29, 2023...BAPTISM SUNDAY!

1. JESUS' BAPTISM

MATTHEW 3:13-17 (TNIV)

¹³ ...Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, & do you come to me?"

¹⁵ Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. (NLTSE: *But Jesus said, "It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires."*)

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

^{4:1} Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness...

Jesus was...

- a. _____ : **I want to be washed, Father!** (MATTHEW 3:13-15; ISAIAH 53:4-6)
- b. _____ : **Fill me with Your Spirit, Father!** (MATTHEW 3:16)
- c. _____ : **Thank you that I am Your Beloved Son, Father!** (MATTHEW 3:17)
- d. _____ : **I want to serve You and be led by Your Spirit, Father!** (MT. 4:1)

2. OUR BAPTISM

ROMANS 6:3-4 (NLTse)

³ ...when we were **joined** with Christ Jesus **IN BAPTISM**, we **joined** him in his death...

⁴ For we died and were buried with Christ **BY BAPTISM**.

And just as Christ was **raised from the dead** by the glorious power of the Father, **NOW WE ALSO MAY LIVE NEW LIVES.**

TITUS 3:4-6 (NLT)

⁴ When **GOD OUR SAVIOR** revealed his kindness and love, ⁵ he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of **his mercy**.

HE WASHED AWAY OUR SINS,

and **gave us a new life through the Holy Spirit.**

⁶ He generously poured out the Spirit upon us because of what **JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOR** did.

We are...

- a. _____ / **You washed away my sins, Father!** (TITUS 3:4-5; ROM. 6:3-4)
_____ : **I am following Your Beloved Son who saved me, and share in Jesus' death, burial and resurrection!** (TITUS 3:6b) (ROM. 6)
- b. _____ : **Fill me with Your Spirit,** (TITUS 3:5-6; EPH. 5:18; ACTS 1:4-5, 2:1, 4; 10:38)
so I may live a new life, Father! (ROM. 6:4; TITUS 3:4)
- c. _____ : **I believe that I am Your Beloved Child;** (TITUS 3:4-5; ROM. 5:5)
help me experience Your kindness, love and mercy, Father! (EPHESIANS 3:17-19, in the LIVING BIBLE)
- d. _____ : **I want to serve You and be led by Your Spirit, Father!**