

“Baptism #2”

Matthew 3:13-16 (TEXT)

Review: Baptism was not something new to John the Baptist or to the Jews.

1. John 1:19-26 (Read)

- The Pharisees didn't ask, what is this thing called baptism, they knew.

JEWS FOR JESUS: Ritual Washings and Baptism.

- *“Though it might seem like a completely Gentile Christian practice, baptism of purification was a preexisting part of Jewish religious tradition and culture before the time of Jesus... In The Hebrew Scriptures, washings were almost always for those of the already believing community. They symbolized cleansing from sin and guilt.*
 - Matthew 3:7-8... John tells the Pharisees and Sadducees... *“Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance...”*
 - Jews understood baptism or ceremonial washings.
- John 1:21 Priest and Levites asked... **Are you Elijah... are you a Prophet?**

(Text) Matthew 3:13-15... (Read)

- John tried to prevent Him... I need to be baptized by you.
- Jesus answered... *“Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.”*
- What does that mean?

KJV (The old King James)

*“Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him. But John forbad Him, saying, I need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? And Jesus answering said unto him. **Suffer** it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. **Then he suffered Him.**”*

Old English word: Suffer... To be subjected or exposed to, to have to bear, suffer, endure, undergo.

Archaic terms: Mid-13th century, allow to occur or continue, refrain from hindering, fail to prevent or suppress.

“For thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness...” (What does He mean?)

ESV Study Bible says... Jesus’ baptism inaugurates His ministry and fulfills God’s saving activity prophesied throughout the OT.

- Passion bible says it best: V15... *“Jesus replied, **it is only right to do all that God requires.** Then John baptized Jesus.”*

What’s all this mean, *Jesus came to die for our sins, to take on our sin!* but He also came to live for us and to fulfill all righteousness... **by identifying with us as sinners.**

- God requires **us** to be baptized to fulfill righteousness, thus Jesus was baptized... to fulfill all righteousness!

2 Cor.5:21

*“For He made Him who knew no sin **to be sin for us**, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”*

Colossians 2:11-12

"In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead..."

Romans 6:3-4... *"Do you not know that as many of us were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore, we were buried with Him through baptism into death,... that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."*

- **1 Peter 3:18-21 (Read)...** *"Not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God."*
- **Antitype:** A person or thing that is foreshadowed or represented by a type or symbol, esp. a character or event in the New Testament prefigured in the Old Testament.

Galatians 3:26-27

"For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ."

(Text) Matthew 3:16-17 (Read)

- God's conformation, **acknowledgement of His pleasure with His Sons obedience!**
- If Jesus fulfilled righteousness by being baptized, then I think it behooves us to follow in His example.

John 1: 29-34 (ESV)

"The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and said. Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is He Of whom I said, after me comes a man who ranks

before me, because He was before me. I myself did not know Him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that He might be revealed to Israel... And John bore witness:

I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on Him. I myself did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. And I have seen and borne witness that this is the Son of God.” (Some manuscripts: The Chosen One)

John 1:29 (Passion Translation)

“The very next day, John saw Jesus coming to him to be baptized, and John cried out. Look He is God’s Lamb! He takes away the sin of the entire world!”

Passion comment on this verse:

“Jesus was publicly washed as the Lamb of God and proven to be without flaw or blemish, ready to become the sacrifice for all the world. Although He will become the Lion of the tribe of Judah in resurrection power, John points to Him as the meek Lamb, a willing sacrifice for our sins.”