

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

Jesus' Baptism The Glory and Mystery of Our Triune God Revealed

Luke 3:21–22

"Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, [22] and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Additional Passages: Matthew 3:13-17

Introduction: The baptism of Jesus is a short story that begs for further explanation.

Questions

Matt started by talking about the Trinity: one God who is three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Matt said that the Father plans salvation, Jesus accomplishes salvation, and the Holy Spirit applies it to us. This is how God works in history to redeem His people.

1. **How is it going with your trust in God the Father? How is it going with processing the circumstances of your life with Him and seeking to glorify Him in them?**

Matt reminded us that we need two things from God to be saved: 1) forgiveness and 2) perfect righteousness. When God gives us salvation by grace it includes both the forgiveness of our sins and the gift of Jesus' perfect righteousness to us. Matt noted that Jesus tells John the Baptist in Matthew 3:15 that it was fitting for Him to be baptized "To fulfill all righteousness." This refers to Jesus keeping every aspect of the law on our behalf so that we can have our sins atoned for and receive Jesus' perfect righteousness credited to us.

2. **How is it going with resting in Jesus' perfect righteousness for internal peace, having a steady hope, and living with abundant joy?**
3. **How is it going with being a praying person (not just a person who prays occasionally) who does not lose heart (Luke 18:1)?**
4. **Are you praying regularly that God would fill you with His Spirit (Eph 5:18)? How is it going with living filled by the Spirit in your attitude, thoughts, and actions?**
5. **Who's your 1 that you are going to invite to Redeemer's Easter Service? Who can you share the gospel with?**