

Sunday, June 11, 2023
The Encouraging Jesus Series
Baptism Into the “Family of God”

Last Three Weeks:

**Baptism represents our heart in embracing Jesus
as our Lord and Savior
and loving the brethren
to the degree that Jesus loves them.**

- For Jesus, baptism represented His public declaration of His commitment to the purpose for which He was created.
Matthew 3:13-17
- For the Apostle Peter, baptism represented a “publicly expressed prayer” for Jesus’ cleansing of our life. I Peter 3:21
- For the Apostle Paul, baptism represented immersion into the totality of Jesus’ work within us.
Colossians 2:11-15; Romans 6:3-4

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the
Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to follow all that I commanded you;
Matthew 28:16-20

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1. Jesus had clarity as the Son of God that His purpose in life was and is caring for the eternal well-being of everyone who trusts Him. John 6:35-40

6:35-38 Jesus taught that He would provide for everything a person needs into eternity if they come to Him.

6:39-40 Jesus knew His purpose was the will of God to guarantee eternal life and resurrection of those who trusted Him.

2. Jesus taught that our purpose in life is loving every person who trusts Jesus as much as He loves them.
John 15:12-15

15:12-14 Jesus taught that the degree to which He loved is the degree to which we should love each other.

15:15 Jesus taught that His command is the will of God, the Father.

3. Jesus prayed for a unity between all who trust Him that is as close as is His relationship with the God, the Father.
John 17:22-23

²² The glory which You have given Me I also have given to them, so that they may be one, just as We are one; ²³ I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and You loved them, just as You loved Me.

17:22-23 Jesus prayed for a true oneness in relationship with each other that can be likened to a true Spiritual Family.

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- **Baptism represents receiving the forgiveness Jesus provided through His death on the cross.**
- **Baptism represents the beginning of our commitment to embracing everything Jesus taught us to prioritize in life.**
- **Baptism represents the beginning of our devotion to “loving the brethren” as much as Jesus loves them.**

Baptism Today in the Chapel after the Service!