

# Water Baptism

6-2-2019

## The Baptism of Jesus by John

Matthew 3:1-17

**I. John the Baptist.** “With the appearance of John, we have the burial of the Old Dispensation and the emergence of the New. We seem to see his rugged figure standing with arms outstretched, as with one hand, he takes the Old Testament, and with the other holds the New, and who, through his ministry, makes the transition from Law to Grace.” *Herbert Lockyer.*

### II. John’s Message: Repentance.

1. Repentance is a decision that results in a change of mind, which in turn leads to a change of purpose and action. Jesus announced the same message. Matthew 4:17
2. "Repentance means we love our Savior more than we love our sin." --Kent Crockett
3. David’s Psalm of repentance. (Psalm 51)
  - a. David is confronted with his sin; acknowledges his sin; and confesses his sin. 2 Samuel 12.
  - b. The message of Psalm 51 is that the vilest offender can appeal to God for forgiveness, for restoration, for a joyful life of fellowship, if he comes with a broken spirit and repentance.
4. The implications of Biblical repentance are threefold:
  - a. Renunciation and reversal.
  - b. Submission and teach ability.
  - c. Continual shape ability.

### III. Jesus is Baptized.

1. “To fulfill all righteousness,” means to accomplish God’s mission.
2. He was confessing sin on behalf of the nation as Nehemiah, Moses, and Daniel had done.
3. He was showing support for what John was doing.
4. He was inaugurating His public ministry.

### IV. Water Baptism. (Acts 8:38-39)

1. A command. It is not, take it or leave it. Matthew 28:18-20 We need to take Jesus seriously. Part of great commission.
2. An outward show of an inward experience.
3. A baptism of repentance; does not remit sin.
4. A baptism of identification with Christ. Though water baptism is not required for salvation it is very important.
5. It shows we are united with Christ in the likeness of His death, burial, and resurrection.

### V. First works over.

1. If a believer at one time and then backslid and have renewed your relationship with God, be rebaptized (Revelation 2:5).
2. Immersion is the biblical way to be baptized (Acts 8:38-39).
3. If baptized as a baby, be baptized again, if not satisfied with your baptism.