
Scripture: Matthew 3:13-17

Those present in these verses:

- John the Baptist
- Jesus
- Those witnessing the baptism of Jesus
- The relationship between John the Baptist and Jesus
- The Father - Son - Holy Spirit

Why did Jesus desire to be baptized by John?

- To give validity to John's ministry.
- It was another act of humility.
- It was the Father's will.
- He identified with those present who were repenting of their sins.
- To fulfill all righteousness.
- It was prophetic of His own death and resurrection.

When Jesus was baptized, it was His dedication, ordination and release into His ministry. He was the Lamb of God - the long-awaited Messiah



Application:

Have you been baptized?

If so, were you immersed or baptized in some other way than immersion?

Did you understand the meaning of baptism?

The purpose and meaning of baptism:

Scripture: Romans 6:4-5

Sharing in His death by our baptism means that we were co-buried and entombed with Him, so that when the Father's glory raised Christ from the dead, we were also raised with him. We have been co-resurrected with Him so that we could be empowered to walk in the freshness of new life. Since we are permanently grafted into Him to experience a death like His, then we are permanently grafted into Him to experience a resurrection like His and the new life that it imparts.