

Good News From Chardon

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Why Was Jesus Baptized?

What is baptism? Baptism is the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. It signifies and seals our ingrafting into Christ as partakers of the benefits of the covenant of grace. Quite simply, Jesus was baptized to fulfill all righteousness. In Matthew 3:13-15 it says, "Then Jesus arrived from Galilee at the Jordan coming to John, to be baptized by him. But John tried to prevent Him, saying, 'I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?' But Jesus answering said to him, 'Permit it at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.' Then he permitted Him."

Additionally, it's possible that Jesus was baptized so He could enter into the Melchizedek priesthood to become the High Priest and offer Himself as a sacrifice for our sins. Exodus 29:1-7 says, "Now this is what you shall do to them to consecrate them to minister as priests to Me: take one young bull and two rams without blemish, and unleavened bread and unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers spread with oil; you shall make them of fine wheat flour. And you shall put them in one basket, and present them in the basket along with the bull and the two rams. Then you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the doorway of the tent of meeting, and wash them with water. And you shall take the garments, and put on Aaron the tunic and the robe of the ephod and the ephod and the breastpiece, and gird him with the skillfully woven band of the ephod; and you shall set the turban on his head, and put the holy crown on the turban. Then you shall take the anointing oil, and pour it on his head and anoint him." Oil is symbolic of the Holy Spirit: "But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know. And as for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him." (1 John 2:20,27) The Holy Spirit descended from Heaven as a dove and rested upon Jesus (Matthew 3:16). Jesus was baptized because He had to fulfill the legal requirements for entering into the priesthood. He was a priest after the order of Melchizedek (Psalm 110:4; Hebrews 5:8-10; Hebrews 6:20). Priests offered sacrifice to God on behalf of the people. Jesus became a sacrifice for our sins (1 Peter 2:24; 2 Corinthians 5:21) in His role as priest. Likewise, He may have needed to be 30 years old to enter the priesthood: "...from thirty years old and upward even until fifty years old, all that enter upon the service, to do the work in the tent of meeting" (Numbers 4:3). To be consecrated as a priest, He had to be washed with water (Exodus 29:4, Leviticus 8:6; Matthew 3:16) and anointed with oil (Exodus 29:7; Leviticus 8:12; Matthew 3:16). Both of these were bestowed upon Jesus at His baptism. In all this, Jesus fulfilled "all righteousness."

[David R. Ferguson](#) preaches for the
Mentor Church of Christ in Mentor, OH.

Schedule of Services

Greeting: Mark
Song Leader: Mark
Opening Hymn:
5—Worthy Art Thou!
Opening Prayer: Robert
Hymn:
273—O How I Love Jesus
Scripture Reading: Ryan
Matthew 3:11-17
Hymn:
315—The Blood That Stained The Old Rugged Cross
Lord's Supper: Dale
Hymn:
376—Beautiful Isle
Sermon: Mark
Invitation Hymn:
637—Will Jesus Find Us Watching?
Closing Hymn:
147—Jesus, Hold My Hand
Closing Prayer: Ray

If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours.
Dolly Parton

CALENDAR

Oct. 1—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am,
Business Meeting; Speaker: Mark
Oct. 4—Midweek Bible Study with Rob S.
Oct. 7—(b.) Alayna
Oct. 7—(b.) Melissa
Oct. 8—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker: Tom
Oct. 10—(a.) Carl & Mary
Oct. 11—Midweek Bible Study with Rob S.
Oct. 11—(b.) Celeste
Oct. 12—(b.) Steven
Oct. 13—(b.) Connor
Oct. 15—Bible Study 10 am, Worship 11 am
Speaker Tom

SUNDAY: Bible Study—10:00 am, Worship—11:00 am

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Christ Baptized Matthew 3:11-17

WORD LIST

AFTER	BAPTIZE	BELOVED
BURN	CHAFF	COME
FIRE	FLOOR	FORBAD
FULFIL	GALILEE	GATHER
GHOST	HAND	HEAVENS
HOLY	JESUS	JOHN
JORDAN	MIGHTIER	OPENED
PURGE	REPENTANCE	SHOES
SUFFER	VOICE	WATER
WHEAT	WORTHY	

H R P J B E L O V E D M S R H
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PRAYER LIST

Mynda's sisters-in-law Father's health. Injured Achilles tendon. As she travels.

Nina health issues

Mark and **Debbie** as they travel. **Mark's** heart and back.

Roberta, doing Bible study with Tom, stroke recovery

Bonnie as she travels. grandsons **Devin & Dakota**

Wanda's migraines; son **Allen**, sisters **Lorraine & Joyce** . Her niece **Nikki** in bad accident

Mary and family. Mary's friend **Aubrey's** pregnancy.

Kathy, is home Her sister and friends. She is healing

Linda's health, **Tiffany's** health & stress & family

Zarna and her family

Juanita, is at Briar Hill rehab room 100, her sister **Betty** and the rest of her family.

Ray and **Barbara** and their family.

Dale's health issues, headaches and his family. His **Mother**. heart and lungs. 7 year old girl, **Lucie**, with leukemia. His uncle **James**. Cousin **Kenny** hernia, Cousin **Joshua** heart Issues, Cousin **Randal** physical & mental health

Ray's and his family. **Rebecca's** knee & illness

Asher's upcoming surgery

Pat and her family

Robert's friend **Freeman** with cancer

Randy health issues & tests

Brenda's voice, sister **Linda** and sister-in-law **Linda** as they struggle with cancer. **Her** son **Mark** heart, granddaughter **Amanda**

Lenise—knee problems.

Connie, Sara's mom, heart and pneumonia

Matthew 3:11-17

¹¹ I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

¹² Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

¹³ Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.

¹⁴ But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

¹⁵ And Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer it to be so now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he suffered him.

¹⁶ And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

¹⁷ And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.