

Sermon of the Week

Baptism of Jesus



Theme: The Baptism of the Lord

Object: Photo Album

Scripture: And behold, a voice out of the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17 (NIV)

I'm sure you recognize what I have in my hand. It's a photo album. Most parents have several photo albums that are full of pictures taken of their children as they were growing up. We have always been very pleased with our children.

We took pictures of our children in school, at church, playing, at Christmas time, on their birthdays, and many other occasions. We were pleased with them as they grew up and we are pleased with them today.

Do you think God was pleased with His son, Jesus?

I know He was, because the Bible tells us that He was. When Jesus was baptized, the Bible tells us that there was a voice from heaven that said, "This is my Son and I love Him. I am very pleased with Him."

Why do you think God was pleased with His son?

Let's read that verse again to see what God said first: "This is my Son and I love him. I am very pleased with him."

What did God say first?

That's right! God said, "This is my Son!" God said, "This is my Son and I love him."

What's the second thing God said? (Allow time for kids to answer.)

That's right! God said, "I love him." God loves His son!

(Show kids the photo album again) These pictures show a lot of things that our children did. But more than anything, these pictures show that these are OUR kids. They belong to us. And we love them!

When we trust in Jesus as our Savior, we become the children of God. Our baptism is like an official adoption ceremony. God loves us from the very beginning when we become His children because that is what He wants us to be.

God says to us, "You are my son. You are my daughter. And I love you!" God loves you! That's pretty awesome, isn't it?

I wonder if God has a photo album in heaven with your pictures in it. I know He has a book with all His children's names in it.

God is pleased with you when you become His child. It's wonderful to hear God say, "You are my child. I love you. And I am pleased with you."

Dear God, thank You that You adopt us as Your children. Thank You for loving us so much. In Jesus' name, amen.

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