

Biblical Study Insights

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"Jesus Did It For US"

*"...Jesus came from Galilee to John at The Jordan, to be Baptized by him [John], but John tried to stop Him, saying, 'I need to be Baptized by You, and yet You come to me?' Jesus answered him, 'Allow it for now, because this is the way for us to **FULFILL** all Righteousness.' Then John allowed Him to be Baptized....."*

Matthew 3:13-15 CSB

We continue our Bible Study this week with Matthews account of Jesus being Baptized by John in The Jordan. Last week's Study showed us how Baptism is how we testify to the world of our NEW relationship with Jesus Christ, having been FREED from a life of sin, which also signifies our ONENESS with Him!

In our text, John asks a very interesting question: *"...I need to be Baptized by You, and yet You come to me?"* This very question was also asked by several people within our Bible Study group... Why did Jesus need to be Baptized? Like John, it seemed out of place that The One Who would become The Savior of The World would "need" to be Baptized to announce a freedom from sin and a NEW Relationship with God for Himself, right? He was God... He IS God! So, what was Jesus doing by allowing Himself to be Baptized by John? NO! He was NOT announcing a Freedom from sin and NEW Relationship with God for Himself!

HE WAS ANNOUNCING IT FOR US! His Baptism in The Jordan signified to the world that, as a result of HIS Death and Resurrection from the Dead, Salvation would be made available to the entire world! You see, under The Law, Righteousness could NEVER be attained, and because of The Law, we were doomed to die.

*"...But God, Who is Rich in Mercy, because of His Great Love that He had for us, made us ALIVE with Christ even though we were DEAD in trespasses. You are Saved by Grace! He also raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in The Heavens in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages He might **DISPLAY** The Immeasurable Riches of His Grace through His Kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For you are Saved by Grace through Faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's Gift - not from works, so that no one can boast...."*

Ephesians 2:4-9 NIV

In being Baptized, Jesus "DISPLYED" His Grace toward us in the FULFILLMENT of the Righteous REQUIREMENTS of The Law! YES! Jesus Fulfilled The Law FOR US, and because of this, all of mankind can attain The Righteousness of God by Faith!

*"...For what The Law was **POWERLESS** to do because it was weakened by the flesh, **GOD DID** by sending His Own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a Sin Offering. And so, He condemned sin in the flesh, in order that The Righteous Requirement of The Law might be **FULLY MET** in us...."*

Romans 8:3-4 NIV

**Much Love,
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