



THE GREAT BAPTISM

(A CHRISTMAS TO EASTER
PARTNERSHIP)
CHRISTMAS TO EASTER #3
(MATTHEW 3:13-17)

In the Baptism of Jesus we find a profound expression of the positive realities of both God's LAW & God's GRACE & so also reason for us to hold Christmas & Easter close together in our hearts & minds.

*"FOR THUS IT IS FITTING FOR US
TO FULFILL ALL RIGHTEOUSNESS..."*

JESUS' RESPONSE TO JOHN REVEALS SOME AMAZING THINGS...

1. ETHICAL MEANING: THE MORAL CHARACTER OF JESUS
2. APOCALYPTIC MEANING: THE COSMIC PURPOSE OF JESUS
3. SACRAMENTAL MEANING: THE DEEP MEANING OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

ADDITIONAL NOTES:

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him,

"Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said,

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

- Matthew 3:13-17



Leonardo da Vinci: The Baptism of Christ (ca. 1470)

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of
Reno, Nevada**

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Contemporary at Covenant

Welcome to Worship

"The law was therefore given that grace might be sought;
grace was given that the law might be fulfilled." – St. Augustine



Prelude

Welcome &
Church Family News

Songs of Praise
- Samuel Dueñas
& the CPC Praise Band
“Lion & The Lamb”
“Only a Holy God”
“How He Loves”

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Time of Greeting

Children’s Prayer Time -- Katie Guerrero

Prayer of Confession & Word of Assurance

Time of Offering
*(Our giving as an act
of worship. You are
encouraged to
participate however
God leads you.)*



New Testament Reading: Matthew 3:13-17 (p.808)

Message: *The Great Baptism* Pastor Jay Hull
(The Rescue: Christmas to Easter #3)

Prayers of the People

Song of Response: “As the Deer”

Final Word of Blessing



‘You are
my Son,
the
Beloved;
my favour
rests on
you.’