

# WEEKLY SERMON

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## Baptism of the Lord

From tidings of goodwill to the ultimate tidings as waves of love cancelling out sin and death are outpoured as we submerge ourselves in this eternal life changing water.

Jesus, the Beloved, from the off set is an example for what we were called to do and be.

I've always found that when people talk about going to a Baptism, I fully remember my reaffirmation of faith.

I remember the warmth of the Spirit of God surrounding my family, friends and spectators, as well as myself.

I remember the need to let all know I believed wholeheartedly in what was going to happen and a resurgence of hope within.

I remember the look on my face as I looked back at the pictures of myself later having been fully immersed in the water of life, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. I looked new, filled with the light of Christ and with not a care in the world .... transformed.

I'm one of those people who love a Baptism, so I would have been there waiting in the queue at the Baptism of the Lord watching and then wanting to take on board fully the constant healing power of God, from the coming to know, to take on a change and to resurface as a fully adopted child of God.

As we move into a new day with the Spirit of God within us, we draw people to ourselves and run through the greatest occasion of our lives when we became part of the family of God and our lives changed forever for the better.

We share and do not hide our lights under a bushel, but stand proud grateful and strong due to the mercy, and forgiveness of God Himself through His Son, Jesus Christ.

So, when the time comes to share, we do, and when the time comes to say how our Baptism impacted our journey on earth, we do! For at the end of the day the new life we now share in is for all to know about and experience fully for themselves. Amen

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