

Baptism

Relevant Bible Verses: Luke 3: 21-23 ; Colossians 3:1-17

Message Notes:

- Baptism is an act of obedience and a declaration; an establishing pillar in our life. It affirms the decision to follow Christ, giving a date time, and witnesses to affirm our faith.
- Water baptism, as we know it, began with John the Baptist. He removed the obstacles so that there would be a clear path to God.
- Herald used to go before Kings,, or Lords to let people know the weight of who was to follow. Soldiers also prepared the way for their Lord, clearing the path of bandits and obstacles. John cleared the way for Jesus, removing obstacles to allow a clear path for God to enter our hearts.
- Jesus baptised John as an example, declaring that it was good to do and establishing precedent. The pattern of belief, followed by baptism, was established and shown repeatedly in the Bible.
- Baptism is the outward expression of something that has already occurred within. It declares that we have found Jesus in a public event, and thus acts as an invitation to others to shed, as we have, our earthly nature, putting on the nature of God