

Baptized With the Spirit

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Jesus' baptism signifies His assumption of the sinner's guilt and His identification with their lot, and we can receive the same anointing of the Spirit.

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Description

F.B. Meyer emphasizes the profound humility of John the Baptist as he recognizes his own sinfulness in contrast to the purity of Christ, who had no sin. Despite John's reluctance, Jesus accepted baptism to identify with sinners and take on their guilt, demonstrating His role as the Lamb of God. Following His baptism, Jesus was anointed by the Holy Spirit and affirmed by the voice of the Father, marking the beginning of His ministry. Meyer encourages believers to seek the same anointing of the Spirit that empowered Christ, reminding them of their identity in Him.

Transcript

Matthew 3:13-17

While John was denouncing the sins of others, he was very conscious of his own. He melted in holy humility before the one nature in which his keen eye detected no trace of impurity, and he strenuously strove to forbid the incongruity of his polluted hands baptizing so pure a being as he felt Christ to be.

Our Lord accepted the disclaimer but overruled it. He alone of all holy men had no consciousness of sin. "He did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth," 1 Peter 2:22. As God's designated Lamb, He was narrowly searched, but those who knew the most about Him were compelled to attest His innocence and purity. Yet He was baptized that He might assume the sinner's guilt, standing with him and for him and identifying Himself with his lot.

Then He was anointed by the Spirit, and attested by the Father's voice. Probably only John and He were aware of these celestial tokens. See John 1:32. But let us stand beneath the same chrism which made Him the Christ. See 1 John 2:20; 1 John 2:27.

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