

Prayer for Illumination

**God, You made us and call us by name. Shape us into servants who reveal Your Son in our daily living. Amen**

Matthew 3:13-17 & Luke 3:23     *God is Proud!*

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be Baptized by John. But John tried to deter Him by saying, "I need to be Baptized by You, and do You come to me?"

Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness". Then John consented.

As soon as Jesus was Baptized, He went up out of the water. At that moment Heaven was opened, and Jesus saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on Him.

A voice from Heaven said, "**This is My Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased**".

Jesus was about thirty years old when He began His ministry.

**Amen**

Ephesians 4:25-5:2     *How to live Baptismally*

Each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.

**In your anger do not sin; do not let the sun go down while you are angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.**

Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

**Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.**

And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with Whom you are sealed for the day of redemption.

Get rid of all bitterness, rage, and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

**Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.**

Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

**Amen**

Matthew 28:19-20     *Go and Do!*

Jesus says, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, Baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age".

**Amen**