



THE IMPORTANCE OF WATER BAPTISM

Matt 3:13-16. "Just at that time **JESUS**, coming from Galilee to the Jordan (river), presents **Himself** to (the advantage of) John =(God is a gracious giver)- to be **Baptized** by him. John protested. "It is I," he said, "who have need to be Baptized by **You**, and do **You** come to me?" "Let it be so on this occasion," **JESUS** replied; "for so we ought to fulfill every religious duty (all righteousness)." Then he consented; and **JESUS** = (jesous = **GOD** incarnate is Salvation) was **Baptized**, and immediately went up from **THE WATER**. At that moment the heavens opened, and he saw **THE SPIRIT OF GOD** descending like a Dove and alighting upon **Him**, while a Voice came from Heaven, saying, "THIS IS MY **SON, THE DEARLY LOVED, IN WHOM IS MY DELIGHT.**" (WNT).

Just as **JESUS** needed to make **His Public Appearance** **submitting to Water Baptism**, so everyone who would put Faith in **Him** must follow **His Public Example**. **Mark 16:16.** '**HE THAT BELIEVES AND IS BAPTISED SHALL BE SAVED**'. Christ is saying that mere intellectual assent is not enough. There must be **a union with Him (A Baptism into Him)**.

1 John 1:1. "That which was from the beginning, which we have listened to, which we have seen with our own eyes, and our own hands have handled concerning **THE WORD of Life-- the Life was Manifested**, and we have seen and bear **witness**, and we declare unto you **THE LIFE of the Ages** which was with the Father and was **Manifested to us--** that which we have seen and lis-



tened to we now announce to you also, in order that you also may have fellowship in it with us, **AND THIS FELLOWSHIP WITH US IS FELLOWSHIP WITH THE FATHER AND WITH HIS SON JESUS CHRIST**. And we write these things in order that **Our Joy** may be made complete.

1 John 5:6-7. "**JESUS Christ is He who Came with Water and Blood; not with the Water only, but with the Water and with the Blood**. And it is the Spirit who gives testimony-- because the Spirit is the Truth. For there are **Three that give testimony-- the Spirit, the water, and the blood;**" When **JESUS Christ, in flesh and Blood, stepped from the Water**, The Holy Spirit Acknowledged **Him as Son of GOD**. Here we have the Witness of **the Spirit, The Water and the Pure Blood of GOD'S Son!**

The 'Baptized' are recognized in Heaven and on Earth.

If we are Obedient, and present ourselves for **Baptism, as Jesus Himself did**, there is a Witness in Heaven as well as in us on the Earth. **1 John 5:7.**

"For there are **Three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word (JESUS), and the Holy Spirit:** and

these **Three are One.**"

1 John 5:8. "And there are **Three** that bear witness in Earth, the **Spirit**, and the **water**, and the **blood**: and these **Three Agree in One.**"

When You and I, in **flesh and Blood**, step into the **Water of Baptism, the Holy**

Spirit recognizes our Son-ship and membership in **Christ's Body of Believers** here on Earth. But that is not all, there is also a Witness in Heaven between the **Father, The Word (Son) and the Holy Spirit, and these three are The ONE TRUE GOD!**