

# The Heart of Baptism

Mark 1:1-8, Matthew 3:1-11

1. \_\_\_\_\_ . Matthew 3:8, Luke 3:7-14

We are in need of \_\_\_\_\_, for a \_\_\_\_\_ heart is pleasing to God.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ . Matthew 3:13-17, Matthew 28:18-20

We are in need of \_\_\_\_\_, and to do what God \_\_\_\_\_.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ . Luke 1:39-45, Psalm 13:5, Philippians 4:4

We should always \_\_\_\_\_ in what God has \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives and in each other's lives.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_. John 1:1-8, John 1:19-23, 29-37; Acts 2:37-42

Our testimonies \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ working in our lives.

We are to \_\_\_\_\_ how great God is with everyone around us. God can and \_\_\_\_\_ use your testimony to \_\_\_\_\_ others, if you let Him.

5. \_\_\_\_\_ . Lamentations 3:19-26, Psalm 51:10-12

Each and every day is an opportunity to draw \_\_\_\_\_ to God in \_\_\_\_\_, so make the most of it by \_\_\_\_\_ your relationship with God.

**Baptism is the grand moment of declaring God's great love for you and how you have accepted His profound mercy.**

**Mark 1:1-8** **Mark 1:1** The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. <sup>2</sup> As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: "BEHOLD, I SEND MY MESSENGER AHEAD OF YOU, WHO WILL PREPARE YOUR WAY; <sup>3</sup> THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, 'MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT.'" <sup>4</sup> John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And all the country of Judea was going out to him, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup> John was clothed with camel's hair and *wore* a leather belt around his waist, and his diet was locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> And he was preaching, and saying, "After me One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to stoop down and untie the thong of His sandals. <sup>8</sup> "I baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

**Matthew 3:1** Now in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." <sup>3</sup> For this is the one referred to by Isaiah the prophet when he said, "THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, 'MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT!'" <sup>4</sup> Now John himself had a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> Then Jerusalem was going out to him, and all Judea and all the district around the Jordan; <sup>6</sup> and they were being baptized by him in the Jordan River, as they confessed their sins. <sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> "Therefore bear fruit in keeping with repentance; <sup>9</sup> and do not suppose that you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our father'; for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup> "The axe is already laid at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear

good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup> "As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

**Matthew 3:8** <sup>8</sup> "Therefore bear fruit in keeping with repentance;

**Luke 3:7-14** <sup>7</sup> So he *began* saying to the crowds who were going out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" <sup>8</sup> "Therefore bear fruits in keeping with repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our father,' for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>9</sup> "Indeed the axe is already laid at the root of the trees; so every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." <sup>10</sup> And the crowds were questioning him, saying, "Then what shall we do?" <sup>11</sup> And he would answer and say to them, "The man who has two tunics is to share with him who has none; and he who has food is to do likewise." <sup>12</sup> And *some* tax collectors also came to be baptized, and they said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" <sup>13</sup> And he said to them, "Collect no more than what you have been ordered to." <sup>14</sup> *Some* soldiers were questioning him, saying, "And *what about* us, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not take money from anyone by force, or accuse *anyone* falsely, and be content with your wages."

**Matthew 3:13-17** <sup>13</sup> Then Jesus arrived from Galilee at the Jordan *coming* to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> But John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?" <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answering said to him, "Permit *it* at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he permitted Him. <sup>16</sup> After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove *and* lighting on Him, <sup>17</sup> and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased."

**Matthew 28:18-20** <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

**Luke 1:39-45** <sup>39</sup> Now at this time Mary arose and went in a hurry to the hill country, to a city of Judah, <sup>40</sup> and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. <sup>42</sup> And she cried out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed *are* you among women, and blessed *is* the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup> "And how has it *happened* to me, that the mother of my Lord would come to me? <sup>44</sup> "For behold, when the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby leaped in my womb for joy. <sup>45</sup> "And blessed *is* she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what had been spoken to her by the Lord."

**Psalms 13:5** <sup>5</sup> But I have trusted in Your lovingkindness; My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.

**Philippians 4:4** <sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

**John 1:1-8** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. <sup>4</sup> In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. <sup>5</sup> The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. <sup>6</sup> There came a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness, to testify about the Light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He was not the Light, but *he came* to testify about the Light.

**John 1:19-23** <sup>19</sup> This is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent to him priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" <sup>20</sup> And he

confessed and did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." <sup>21</sup> They asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" And he answered, "No." <sup>22</sup> Then they said to him, "Who are you, so that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?" <sup>23</sup> He said, "I am A VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, 'MAKE STRAIGHT THE WAY OF THE LORD,' as Isaiah the prophet said."

**John 1:29-37** <sup>29</sup> The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" <sup>30</sup> "This is He on behalf of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.' <sup>31</sup> "I did not recognize Him, but so that He might be manifested to Israel, I came baptizing in water." <sup>32</sup> John testified saying, "I have seen the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven, and He remained upon Him. <sup>33</sup> "I did not recognize Him, but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, 'He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup> "I myself have seen, and have testified that this is the Son of God." <sup>35</sup> Again the next day John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and he looked at Jesus as He walked, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

**Acts 2:37-42** <sup>37</sup> Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" <sup>38</sup> Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> "For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself." <sup>40</sup> And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation!" <sup>41</sup> So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three

thousand souls. <sup>42</sup> They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

**Lamentations 3:19-26** <sup>19</sup> Remember my affliction and my wandering, the wormwood and bitterness. <sup>20</sup> Surely my soul remembers And is bowed down within me. <sup>21</sup> This I recall to my mind, Therefore I have hope. <sup>22</sup> The LORD'S lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. <sup>23</sup> *They* are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. <sup>24</sup> "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I have hope in Him." <sup>25</sup> The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, To the person who seeks Him. <sup>26</sup> *It is good that* he waits silently For the salvation of the LORD.

**Psalms 51:10-12** <sup>10</sup> Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. <sup>11</sup> Do not cast me away from Your presence And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. <sup>12</sup> Restore to me the joy of Your salvation And sustain me with a willing spirit.