

b. According to _____, Jesus had a specific _____ for coming to John. His purpose was not to have _____ or even to _____ the _____ of John, but simply to "be _____ by him".

c. When John _____, Jesus' answer was, "Let it be so now, for thus it is _____ to fulfill all _____" - Matt. 3:15

d. This means that if Jesus had NOT been baptized, He _____ have fulfilled all righteousness.

e. This brings up an interesting _____ purpose for obeying not only God's _____ to be _____, but for all of His _____ commands:

1. To obtain the _____ associated with the _____ - Acts 2:38

2. To _____ God, regardless of the _____.

SOME INTERESTING OBSERVATIONS:

1. Isn't it _____ to see the _____ that some people have towards baptism, considering the fact that it is: 1). A _____ of God, but 2). It is also a command that comes with _____ blessings (Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21; Gal. 3:27; Romans 6:4-6)

2. If the events occurring _____ Jesus' baptism tell us anything, they emphasize the clear _____ of the event.

3. Jesus Himself seemed to think of His baptism as the _____ of His _____, not the _____. Even after all of the positive _____ He had experienced up to this point, in many ways, He was just getting _____.

WHAT SHOULD OUR ATTITUDE TOWARDS BAPTISM BE?

1. When it's _____, it's _____. Don't _____!!!!

2. Don't be _____ to be _____ in front of others; Jesus was!

3. View it as the _____ of a _____, _____, but _____ journey and not simply as the end result of a lot of Bible study and thinking. You are _____ when you are baptized; that means a new _____, which includes _____, _____, _____, _____, _____ and everything that goes along with it.

4. Understand that it is absolutely _____. Baptism is not an _____; it is not an _____ sign of _____ grace; it is _____ point at which a person's _____ are _____ away!!!

5. In a sense, whatever we've done _____ baptism is _____.