

# FOLLOW CLOSELY

in Christ's Foundations

## BAPTISM... INSIDE & OUT

April 17, 2016 • Luke 3:15-20 • Pastor Ben Miller

Introduction:

- 1) Jesus separates between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_:  
Experience the \_\_\_\_\_ of baptism.



Sermon Notes

- 2) Jesus separates between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_:  
Experience the \_\_\_\_\_ of baptism.

- 3) Jesus separates between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_:  
Experience the \_\_\_\_\_ of baptism.

3 Things the Church Counter-Culture is NOT:

⇒ A "\_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_" Culture of \_\_\_\_\_:

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Sermon Notes

**Personal Reflection and Application:**

- 1) *Have I ever outwardly declared the internal heart change of repentance and regeneration of the Holy Spirit through water baptism? (i.e. "Have I ever been baptized as a believer?")*
  - ⇒ *If so, how often do I look back to that event to remind me of how I am changed in Christ.*
  - ⇒ *If not, what is holding me back? When am I going to talk to the elders about being baptized?*
- 2) *What evidence in my life demonstrates that I understand the distinction between Jesus as my Master and me as his servant?*
- 3) *What ways have I experienced the "sifting" or "purging" nature of the Holy Spirit in my life as he transforms me into the image of Christ?*
  - ⇒ *Are there any areas of my life that I can identify now that he wants to purge to make me holy?*
  - ⇒ *How can I change my mind to agree with God about who he is and what he has done so that the Spirit will transform those parts of my life?*
- 4) *What ways have I experienced the sufferings of Christ as a result of being transformed by him and identified with him?*
  - ⇒ *Is there any sense in which I responded in a way that the church counter-culture is not to respond?*

**Small Group Discussion Questions:**

- 1) Read Luke 3:15-16. What is the relationship between John's baptism, Jesus' baptism with the Holy Spirit and with fire, and water baptism as we experience it today?
- 2) Considering John's statement regarding his relationship to Jesus, in what ways is baptism an expression of submission?
- 3) Read Luke 3:16-20 and Luke 12:49-53. In what ways does Jesus separate between salvation and judgment, and between God's people and the world?
- 4) Based on question 3, what role does baptism (inside and out) play in this separation?