

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm 29

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

Reverend Hynes shared from the Gospel narrative this past Sunday. Every week it seems, I learn something or I am challenged in some way. This week, it was the Trinity.

It's not a biblical word and only became part of our Christian doctrine at the Council of Nicaea in the year 325 as much for political reasons — for unity of the empire — as religious ones. Constantine never professed to be a Christian, but he worshipped the Sun. It was on his death bed that he was baptized. (These days the LORD constantly reminds me and shows me that; He really is the one in control and I smile a lot).

Pastor pointed out how in this passage there's clear sight of the Godhead, **Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, (Father) saying, "This is My Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Why did Jesus have to be baptized? We know that John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. Jesus had nothing to repent of, but it was to fulfill all righteousness.

But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."

I thought this was interesting to add from Gotquestions.org.

When Jesus came up out of the water after being immersed (or [baptized](#)) by John, the Spirit of God descended like a dove from heaven upon Jesus ([Matthew 3:16](#)). And from the heavens was heard an audible voice that said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased" ([Matthew 3:17](#)). Scripture prophesied that the Messiah would have the Spirit of God resting on Him ([Isaiah 11:2](#)) and He would be God's Son ([Isaiah 9:6](#); [Mark 1:1](#)). At Jesus' baptism, both the Holy Spirit and the Father affirm that Jesus was the Messiah. The timing is significant. It was important that they made that affirmation after John baptized Jesus. Jesus recognized the significance of the moment even if John did not at first. Jesus

recognized that the baptism was fitting—it was time to fulfill all righteousness ([Matthew 3:15](#)), and the way for Jesus and John to do that was by this particular baptism.

In Acts, Peter reminds us that the word was proclaimed throughout all of Judea, and began from Galilee **after the baptism which John preached:** how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

Isaiah prophesied 700 years before this event and time in history. “Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One in whom My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth **justice to the Gentiles.**”

“Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I declare; Before they spring forth, I tell you of them.”

Friends, the mandate is before us, God anointed Jesus and, He has anointed us and has fulfilled His righteousness and has made us righteous through His blood shed upon that cross so that we, who are born again, are now to go about doing good and healing all who are oppressed of the devil, for GOD is with us. Amen!

And it began at Galilee