
This Joy of mine

**Joy factors in living the
Christian life
(John 3: 22-36)**

THE PRACTICE OF BAPTISM IN THE NT IS CLEAR:

Mathew 3:13-17 _ Jesus in obedience to the Father

Mathew 28:19-20 _ Part of Christian discipleship

Acts 2: 28, 41 _ Central to preaching at Pentecost

Acts 8:26-40 _ Practice by early missionaries

**The baptism Jesus and John practiced foreshadowed
Christian baptism that was accepted by early
Christians as a visible 1st step of obedience that
branded/declared followers of Jesus as a new
creation of God in Jesus.**

ROMANS 6:1-3

**WHAT SHALL WE SAY THEN? ARE WE TO CONTINUE
IN SIN THAT GRACE MAY ABOUND? ² BY NO MEANS!
HOW CAN WE WHO DIED TO SIN STILL LIVE IN IT?
³ DO YOU NOT KNOW THAT ALL OF US WHO HAVE
BEEN BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST JESUS WERE BAPTIZED
INTO HIS DEATH?**

ROMANS 6:4

⁴ WE WERE BURIED THEREFORE WITH HIM BY BAPTISM INTO DEATH, IN ORDER THAT, JUST AS CHRIST WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD BY THE GLORY OF THE FATHER, WE TOO MIGHT WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE.

Baptism for the Christian is the visible testimony of

Galatians 2:20

²⁰ I HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST. IT IS NO LONGER I WHO LIVE, BUT CHRIST WHO LIVES IN ME. AND THE LIFE I NOW LIVE IN THE FLESH I LIVE BY FAITH IN THE SON OF GOD, WHO LOVED ME AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR ME.

Joy factors in John the Baptist's Life:

27. John answered, "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven" applies at all times to every individual, community, and nation

In vs. 31 the Joy factor in John the Baptist's

Life is that Jesus is above all – meaning

Jesus' witness about God the Father is

without limitations

In vs. 32 we read John the Baptist's joy was being fulfilled because Jesus was not a mere man translating God's message of truth to men, Jesus bore witness to what He has seen and heard.

The Joy factor for John the Baptist's in vs.33 is that he knows all who except the testimony of Jesus will experience the transforming fullness of God that declares God is truth as He speaks through His Son Jesus.

The joy factor in verse 34 has two parts:

1. John the Baptist knows Jesus speaks infallibly the words of God because the Holy Spirit dwells in Jesus without limit

The joy factor in verse 34 has two parts:

**2. John the Baptist knows Jesus has the
authority to give the Holy Spirit as a
helper to every believer**