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Luke 3:21-22

“Everyone
is
Being Baptized”



REMEMBER YOUR
BAPTISM

When everyone was being baptized...

**“Turn around,
God’s Kingdom is here!”**

John:

Stands in
between the
City & the
Wilderness.

Walks as
One in the
Wilderness.

Cries that we are
All in the
Wilderness of
our Souls.



Here now!

Here in the Wilderness!

Here for These!

Here for all!

**Turn around
and see God
in this moment!**

**Turn around and see
where God is...**

**Once our soul become trapped in our own thoughts
of right & wrong we have stepped into the Wilderness.**

Jesus was also Baptized



Jesus comes to the wilderness
and approaches his cousin.
A Messy Baptism occurs before all people.

Jesus comes to the edge
of polite society.

We should notice where
the Baptism takes place.

Two Groups are watching;

1. Who hope to be accepted.
2. Who fear what is taking place.

Personal change/repentance is “messy”
because the first step is admitting
that we are wrong.

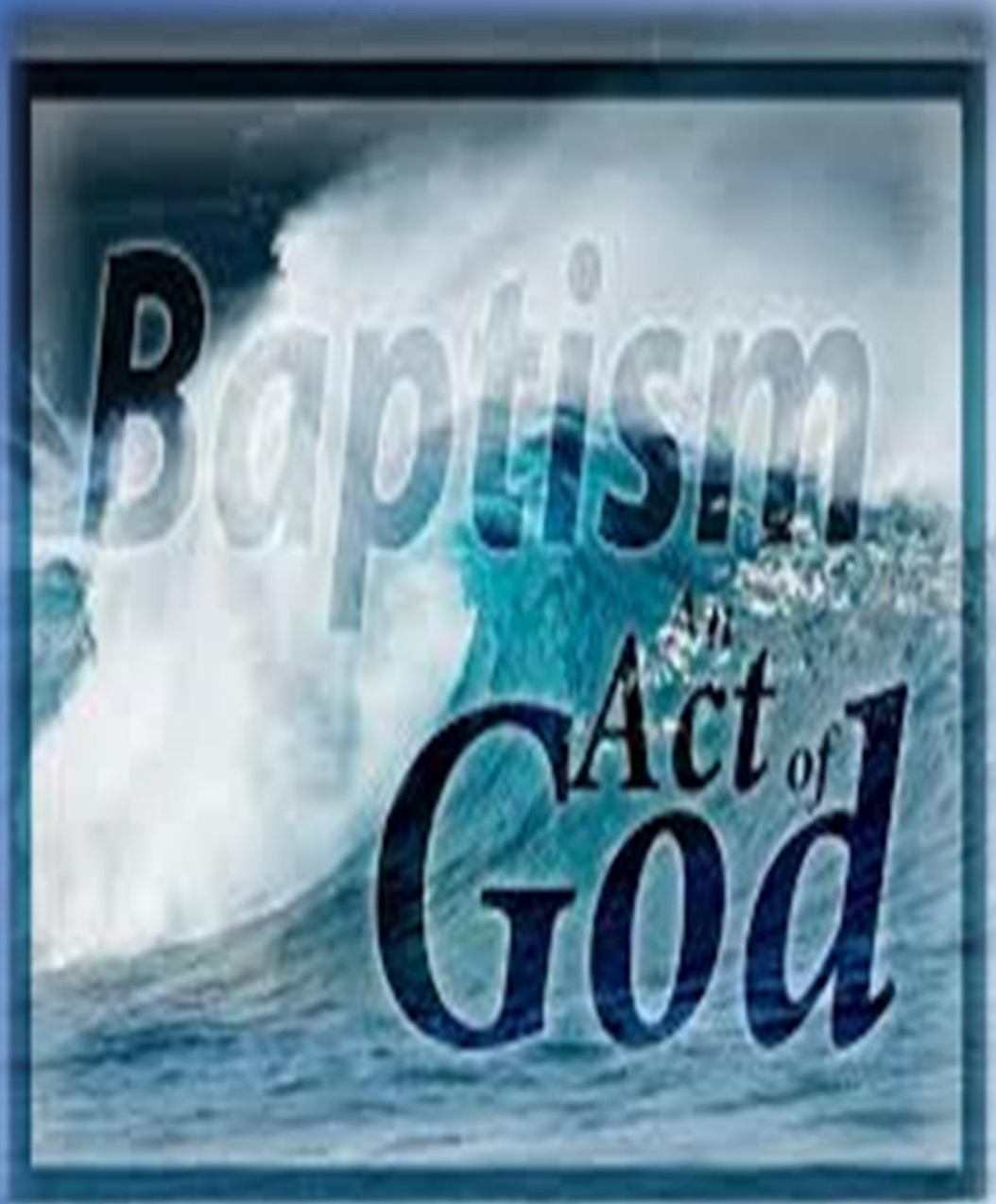
While he was praying,
heaven was opened
and the Holy Spirit came down on him
in bodily form like a dove.

And there was a voice from heaven:

**“You are my Son,
whom I dearly love;
in you I find happiness.”**



Jesus, the Christ stands in the “in between” of life.
Jesus, the Christ has stepped into the “mess” of life.
Jesus, the Christ everyone, all at once, and is Baptized.
Jesus, the Christ in Baptism, says “see me” doing for you.
Jesus, the Christ is calling all of us to “Turn Around” and see God
hurting for each of us in the pain of our Soul.



It's so easy to blame, criticize , be idle, judgmental, harsh, apathetic, etc.

Yet, a Mighty Work of Grace is accomplished in us in our Baptism.

In our Baptism we are called to a life of repentance/turning away from of wrong things, wrong attitudes, & wrong choices.

In our Baptism we are called to a life of turning toward where we live, noticing God in others, & stepping into their mess.

In our Baptism we are called to be initiators of God's Grace for others.