

BAPTISM OF THE LORD...MK 1, 7-11

Before we focus on the baptism of our Lord, first let us present the understanding of the sacrament of baptism according to the Catholic Church...

CCC 1213... Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit (*vitae spiritualis ianua*),⁴ and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. ***Through Baptism we are freed from sin*** and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission: "Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word."⁵ (**CCC=Catechism of the Catholic Church**) (**sin=the original sin of our first parents Adam & Eve**)

Let us connect....freed from sin **AND** Jesus Christ...1. Why did Jesus Christ undergo baptism...2. Did He ever have original sin?

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LK 1, 35...And the angel said to her in reply, "The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.

1 JN 3, 5...You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

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It is because of the term **OBEDIENCE**...He went this extent to show us, "I can submit myself to your long standing culture/tradition of baptism..."

MT 3, 14...John tried to prevent him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?"

15...Jesus said to him in reply, "Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."

In doing so, this was a **humbling experience** worthy of emulation...telling us 'hey lower yourself a bit, I can't reach you.'

Philippians 2, 6...'though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. **7...**Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,'

When He was immersed in the water (Good Friday) He died with our sins and for our sins and when He got out from the water (Easter Sunday) He graced us with the newness of life.