

I. Jesus was baptized for us

A. He was baptized into our humanity

“The Word became flesh and lived for a while among us.” (John 1:14)

B. He was baptized into our struggles

C. He was baptized into our temptations

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet was without sin.” (Hebrews 4:15)

D. He was baptized into our death

“But I have a baptism to undergo, and how distressed I am until it is completed.” (Luke 12:50)

II. Jesus is an example for us to follow

A. We can have fellowship with God through prayer

B. We can be filled with the Holy Spirit

“Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert.” (Luke 4:1)

“The disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 13:52)

C. We can know that we are children of God

“How great is the love the Father has lavished on us that we should be called children of God! And what is what we are!” (I John 3:1)

D. We can experienced the love of God

E. We can please God through faith & obedience

“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.” (Hebrews 11:6)

F. We can invest our lives in ministry

III. Jesus is the fulfillment of God’s promises

A. He is the promised Savior

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.” (Genesis 3:15)

B. He is the promised covenant keeper

“So God said to Noah, ‘This is the sign of the covenant I have established between me and all life on earth.’ (Genesis 9:17)

C. He is the promised blessing to the world

“All the peoples of the earth will be blessed through you.” (Genesis 12:3)

D. He is the promised powerful ruler

“The scepter will not depart from Judah, nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until he comes to who it belongs and the obedience of the nations is his.” (Genesis 49:10)

E. He is the promised Eternal King

“Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.” (2 Samuel 7:16)