

WHO IS THIS...MAN?

Mark 1:8-13

Who is this...Man? Who is Jesus?

Three things John the Baptist said about Jesus:

1. Jesus was to be more powerful than he.
2. Thongs of His sandals he was not worthy of tying.
3. The last thing John said about Jesus was, *"I baptize you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."* (8)

What does that mean?

1. For Jesus to "baptize by the Holy Spirit" meant for the forgiveness of sins by the grace, mercy and love of God.

"Who is this man who is blaspheming? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" Luke 5:21

"But you know that He appeared so that He might take away our sins." 1 John 3:5

Why is sin such a problem?

- a. It puts us in death mode.

"...just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned..." Romans 5:12

"Death has been swallowed up in victory!..."

1 Corinthians 15:54b

- b. Sin prevents us from having a relationship with God.

"Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight..." Psalm 51:4

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ....In love He predestined us to be adopted as His sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with His pleasure and will..." Ephesians 1:3 - 5

- c. Sin puts us into bondage.

"Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin." John 8:34

"If you confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

"...by His death He might destroy him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil – and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death." Hebrews 2:14, 15

"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed" John 8:36

2. Baptized in the Holy Spirit means Jesus can make us new.

"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers." 1 John 3:16