**The [perfect] Father-hood of God**

**Main idea:** The baptism of Jesus gives certain-hope that God the Father “takes delight” in me, in you, in each of us \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Text (CSB, p. 911): 21When all the people were baptized, Jesus also was baptized. As he was praying, heaven opened, 22and the Holy Spirit descended on him in a physical appearance like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well-pleased.” [or, “I take delight in you.”]

Other Scripture to consider (all CSB)

**2 Corinthians 5:21**. He made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. P. 1025.

**Matt. 13:13, 16.** 13That is why I speak to them in parables, because looking they do not see, and hearing they do not listen or understand.

16“Blessed are your eyes because they do see, and your ears because they do hear. 17For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see the things you see but didn’t see them, to hear the things you hear but didn’t hear them. P. 867.

**Phi 3:8-9**. 8More than that, I also consider everything to be a loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. Because of him I have suffered the loss of all things and consider them as dung, so that I may gain Christ 9and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own from the law, but one that is through faith in Christ—the righteousness from God based on faith. P. 1041.

**Take away #1**: Jesus’ baptism \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in his Father’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Take away #2:** Jesus’ baptism \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God.

**Final takeaway:** Jesus’s baptism \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ how to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ my Father.

**Growing deeper:** Ask yourself the question, “How does the Holy Spirit help me today?

* John 14:15-27
* John 15:26-16:15
* Romans 8:26
* Galatians 5:22-26

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