

JANUARY 6-12

MONDAY 1/6

LUKE 3:15-22

John the Baptist directs the crowd's attention to Jesus, the one mightier than himself, who baptizes not just with water but with the Holy Spirit and fire. This baptism transforms hearts and equips believers with the Spirit's power. It cleanses and purifies, empowering believers to live out God's purposes.

1. What does it mean to you that Jesus baptizes with the Holy Spirit and with fire?

2. How do you experience the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life?

TUESDAY

MALACHI 3:1-3

The prophet Malachi foretells the coming of the Messiah and His messenger, preparing the way for a new covenant. The Lord's arrival is not only joyous but refining, purging impurities and transforming His people into holiness. This refining process might feel uncomfortable, but it is an act of God's love, preparing us to reflect His glory.

- 1. How is God refining you today and how might God's refining be related to Jesus baptism with fire?
- 2. What areas in your life do you feel God calling you to a deeper holiness and righteousness?

WEDNESDAY 1/8

JOHN 1:19-33

John the Baptist recognizes Jesus as the Lamb of God, the Savior who takes away sin and baptizes with the Holy Spirit. John humbly points others to Jesus, fulfilling his role as a witness. We too are called to recognize Jesus' work in our lives and to direct others to Him.

- 1. How has Jesus "taken away sin" in your life and how dow your relationship with Jesus shape your daily walk?
- 2. How is your life a witness for Jesus?

THURSDAY 1/9 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-31

Paul reminds the Corinthians that the baptism of the Holy Spirit unites all believers into one body, transcending barriers of ethnicity, status, or background. This unity in Christ allows each member to serve with their unique gifts while contributing to the common good. As Jesus followers we are called to be an active and unified part of the whole Body of Christ.

- 1. How do you understand the Holy Spirit's work in baptism? What is the "purpose" of baptism?
- 2. What unique gifts has God given to you and how can you use them to build up the Body of Christ (the Church, all believers)?

FRIDAY 1/10

PSALM 104:27-35

This psalm celebrates God as Creator and Sustainer, emphasizing the lifegiving and renewing power of His Spirit. Just as the Spirit breathes life into creation, He also renews and sustains our lives daily. We rely on God's Holy Spirit to give us strength and to guide us every day.

- 1. How do you experience the Holy Spirit bringing renewal and restoration to your life?
- 2. "I will song to the Lord all my life." (v33) What songs of praise do you regularly lift up to God?

SATURDAY/ SUNDAY 1/11-12

GALATIANS 3:26-29

Baptism into Christ signifies being clothed with Him-taking on His righteousness and becoming part of God's family. This transformation erases distinctions like Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female, uniting all believers as heirs of God's promise. Our identity in Christ should define а

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1.	What does it mean to you to be "clothed in Christ"?
	What does baptism symbolize in the life of a Jesus follower and why is it signficant to our Christian faith and walk with Christ?
Verse for the week: "So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves	

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with Christ."

(Galatians 3:26-27)

SERMON NOTES