

## Three-in-One?

Christ is Coming! Series (Matt. 1:17-3:17)

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Note the “fulfillment” passages that were out of Jesus’ control (Matt. 1:17, 1:22, 2:5, 2:15, 2:17, 2:23, 3:3)

**God drew** people to the wilderness to hear John, repent, and demonstrate that repentance by baptism.

Why did the “harvester” need to be baptized? (Matt. 3:11-12)

Jesus explained that it was “fitting to fulfill all **righteousness**” (3:15)

If Jesus was “God with us” *already*, how could baptism make Him acceptable to God?

Lev. 8:5-6 Priests were ceremonially **washed** when they started their ministry (usually around age 30)

Lev. 8:12 Priests were **anointed** with oil to signify being set apart

- 1) He was *symbolically* washed with water.
  - a) Nothing changed in his essential **nature** or **person**
  - b) This was an act of humble **submission** and identification.
- 2) The anointing was done to “consecrate” the priest.
  - a) Nothing changed in his essential nature or person
  - b) This anointing also was as a stamp of **approval** which authenticated the priest’s **position** and ministry.

Matthew clarifies theology

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.” (Deut. 6:4, ESV)

- God remains **ONE**
- God did **NOT** just appear in different forms at different times.
- He exists in three **DISTINCT** persons at the same time!