The Baptism of Jesus into Jordan

The baptism of Jesus into Jordan represented His full consecration to God and the burial of His will into the will of His Heavenly Father and the giving up of all His earthly liferights as a living sacrifice. (Hebrews 10:5-9.) — In this matter the followers of Jesus copy Him. They are baptized into His death, and thus into His Body, the Church. (Romans 6:3.)

This baptism into the Christ company, or Body, will not be completed until the last member shall have passed into death. Then beyond the veil, by the First Resurrection, the entire Body will receive glory, honor and immortality and be joint-heirs with Jesus in the Kingdom then established. « If we suffer with Him, we shall also reign.» (Ephesians 1:23; 2 Timothy 2:11, 12.) — As Jesus came up out of the water, the « heavens » were opened to Him. Heavenly Truths became clearer. He could now understand the « deep things of God ». (1 Corinthians 2:10.)

This enlightenment came by the receiving of the Holy Spirit. So His followers received a measure of the Spirit, begetting them as sons of God, joint-heirs with Christ. They also are illuminated. (Hebrews 10:32; Ephesians 1:18; Colossians 1:9.)

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