

**Mark 1:9-11 (with Matthew 3:14-15) ESV**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son with you I am well pleased."

**Teaching Points**

1. The Lord Jesus did not need to be baptized by John the Baptist.
2. All of heaven gave approval of what occurred.
3. Please God should be our top priority.

**Question From The Text:**

1. Why did the Lord Jesus submit to the baptism of John?

Even John was surprised (Matthew 3:13-15). It was fitting to fulfill God's will; to show approval of John's baptism; to set an example; for Jesus to identify Himself with those who were denouncing religious hypocrisy; for those who were

preparing themselves for the coming of the Messiah.

**Further Discussion:**

Although we are not perfect and never will be without sin this side of Heaven, is God pleased with you? What does Scripture teach about how God's view of us as Christians as a result of what Jesus Christ has done for us?

**Memorize:**

- "Then a voice came from heaven. 'You are My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.'" (Mark 1:11)