January 11, 2015 <u>"Jesus Is Baptized"</u> (Mark 1:7-11)

One of the most confusing doctrines of our faith is the doctrine of the

The little girls in the opening illustration were right in one respect – we do use this time-honored formula when we _____ people.

John the Baptist, the son of Zechariah and _____, was Jesus' _____.

John's ministry and purpose was to ______ the way for the Messiah.

Consider how God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are portrayed in this story:

1. – We see, first of all, The Father's _____.

God is all _____, God is all _____, and God is _____, and

But, all of these are dwarfed by the truth that God is _____!

God's love is a love that never _____.

There is nothing God will not ______ to win back His fallen children!

2. - We also see the _____ of God the Son.

A recurring theme throughout the New Testament...Christ ______ himself on our behalf.

Humility is a misunderstood quality. Only _____ people can truly be humble.

 It's not that we see ourselves as a _________ for everyone to walk on. But we humble ourselves in ________ to others.

 3. - We see the coming of the _______.

 The Holy Spirit is the _______ of God in our lives.

 We need to be baptized by _______, but we also need to be baptized by the ______.

 The Holy Spirit is the _______, of God within our lives.

 Has the Father's love, and the Son's humility, and the presence of the Holy Spirit filled your heart and life?

If not, let it happen this New Year! Let it happen today!

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