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joy and *baptism*

1 Peter 3:21

And this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ

John 3:3-5

Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God." "What do you mean?" exclaimed Nicodemus. "How can an old man go back into his mother's womb and be born again?" Jesus replied, "I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit.

Mark 7:1-4

Then came together unto him the Pharisees, and certain of the scribes, which came from Jerusalem. And when they saw some of his disciples eat bread with defiled, that is to say, with unwashed, hands, they found fault. For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands oft, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders. And when they come from the market, except they wash, they eat not. And many other things there be, which they have received to hold, as the washing of cups, and pots, brasen vessels, and of tables.

Mark 16:16

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

Psalms 34:8

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

Matthew 3:17

And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Key Points:

1. Baptism connects us not just to a visible congregation but also to the Kingdom of God in Heaven.
2. There are multiple places in the Bible where it says, "Baptism saves".
3. Baptism can be meant for both infants and adults.
4. In looking at the Baptism of Jesus, we see the connection of the dove, the water, the prayer and the purpose of what Jesus does.

Reflection:

What is your experience of Baptism?

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