

# **The Beginning of Righteousness**

(Matthew 3:13-17)

# Introduction

- It was commanded by our Lord (Matthew 28:18-20)
- It was obeyed by the early disciples (Acts 2:41-47)

*...to fulfill all  
righteousness...*

# We see Jesus Example

- Jesus was perfect  
(John 1:29, Hebrews 4:15)
- Jesus would have sinned if he had not been baptized.

# We see Education

- We want to please the father like Jesus (John 1:29)
- We want to hear the father say “I am well pleased”
- Knowing about “Jesus” led the Ethiopian eunuch to the water.

# We Experience Forgiveness

- In Acts 2:41-47, the people responded without question to what would happen if they obeyed.
- In Christ (Galatians 3:26-27)
- Sins washed away (Acts 22:16)

# We can Enjoy

- Righteous relationship with God  
(Ephesians 5:22-33)
- United with Christ in Baptism  
(Romans 6:1-5)

# Conclusion

- *Trust and obey...*