**God’s Beloved Son**

Luke 3:21-38

**Luke 3:21 (ESV)**Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened,

**Luke 3:22 (ESV)**and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, “You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased.”

**In Jesus’ revelation as God’s beloved Son, we see …**

1. **An Act of Identification with Humanity**

**Luke 3:21 (ESV)**Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying …

**Matthew 3:13 (ESV)**Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him.

**Matthew 3:14 (ESV)**John would have prevented Him, saying, “I need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?”

**Matthew 3:15 (ESV)**But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented.

**Acts 19:3 (ESV)**

And he [Paul] said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They [disciples in Ephesus] said, “Into John’s baptism.”

**Acts 19:4 (ESV)**

And Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the One who was to come after him, that is, Jesus.”

**Acts 19:5 (ESV)**

On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

1. **A Sign of Authentication from the Holy Spirit**

**Luke 3:21-22 (ESV)** … the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in bodily form, like a dove …

**John 1:32 (ESV)**And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on Him.

**John 1:33 (ESV)**I myself did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’

**John 1:34 (ESV)**And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.”

**Romans 1:4 (ESV)**

[He] was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by His resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1. **A Word of Commendation from God the Father**

**Luke 3:22 (ESV)**… and a voice came from heaven, “You are My beloved Son; with You I am well pleased.”

**Psalm 2:7 (ESV)**I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, “You are My Son; today I have begotten You.

**Isaiah 42:1 (ESV)**Behold My Servant, whom I uphold, My Chosen, in whom My soul delights; I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the nations.

**Matthew 17:5 (ESV)**He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.”

**2 Peter 1:17 (ESV)**For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to Him by the Majestic Glory, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,”

**Luke 20:9 (ESV)**And He began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while.

**Luke 20:10 (ESV)**When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed.

**Luke 20:13 (ESV)**Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’

**Luke 20:14 (ESV)**But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’

**Luke 20:15 (ESV)**And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them?

**Luke 20:16 (ESV)**He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!”

1. **A Ministry of Reconciliation for Sinners**

**Luke 3:23 (ESV)**Jesus, when He began His ministry, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph, the son of Heli …

**Luke 3:38 (ESV)**… the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

**Colossians 1:13 (ESV)**He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son.

**Colossians 1:19 (ESV)**For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

**Colossians 1:20 (ESV)**and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.