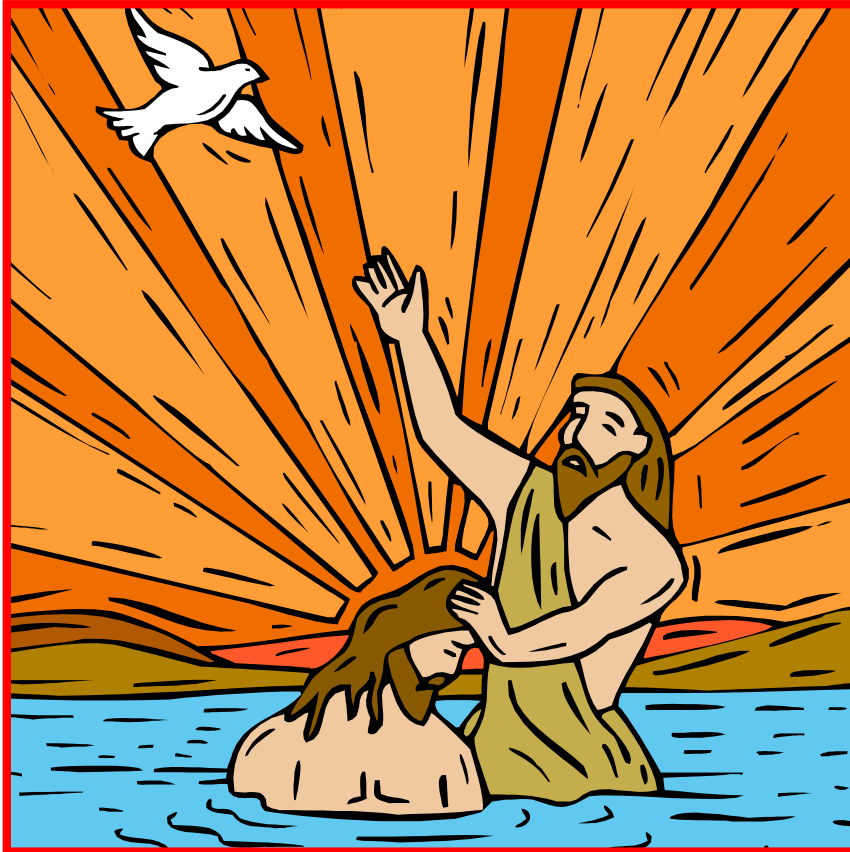


Lesson 33

## Pictures of Jesus

# *The One and Only Son of God*



*The baptism of Jesus during which God the Father tells us that Jesus is His true Son.*

**John 3:16** | “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

**Matthew 3:16-17** | “As soon as Jesus was baptized he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and lighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, ‘*This is my Son whom I love; with him I am well pleased.*’”

This is one of the most important things found in the Bible. In one short sentence it says so much about God the Father, Jesus the Son of God and what the love of God has given to us.

It is important to understand that there is only one Son of God and that is Jesus. Jesus was the only choice God the Father had to earn the forgiveness of sins for everyone. Jesus was the most precious sacrifice God the Father could offer to pay for the sins of the whole world. Jesus, being the only Son of God, must not fail in this job because there was no one else God the Father could send.

Jesus left heaven to be born as a human baby. Jesus lived a life without sin and then He gave up His life on the cross as a sacrifice to pay for the sins of everyone. Only the precious blood of God's own Son could be enough of a sacrifice to pay for all of our sins.

After Jesus did all this for us He gave us the forgiveness of our sins as a gift. This gift cost Jesus His life, yet God's love made this a free gift to all who believe that Jesus paid for their sins. Jesus knew how hard it would be to suffer and die for our sins especially since He was not

guilty of any sin at all. This did not stop Jesus. Jesus loves us so much that He chose to suffer and die for us. God the Father gave His Son Jesus a job to do. Jesus was faithful to His Father and did the job even though it was painful.

When Jesus was baptized heaven was opened and God the Father told everyone who Jesus really is when He said, "This is my Son whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

We should always give thanks to God for the gift of salvation and eternal life which was earned by Jesus for us.

#### PRAYER TIME

We thank you Jesus for leaving heaven to earn our salvation. Because of the hard and painful job You did for us, we have eternal life and will be with You in heaven. We could never pay for our sins yet You gave us forgiveness as a free gift. Help us to always believe in You as our Savior and the One and Only Son of God.  
Amen