



January 10, 2016 *Baptism of the Lord*



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The astonishing message of this feast is that the identity and "estimation" which Jesus possesses before his Father, is the same identity and "estimation" which we can claim, thanks to our Baptism. What Jesus possesses by nature, we possess by adoption, the incredible gift of God's mercy toward us. We are beloved daughters and sons; the Father is "well pleased" with us. But how difficult it is for us to accept this identity and this estimation! What endless evasions we construct and conditions we place on that simple truth! Perhaps a fitting meditation for us on this feast would be to sit quietly with the phrase, "with you I am well pleased" and to let it wash over us. We might pay attention to what comes up in our hearts as we do and then to relate all of that to God. And then, perhaps in that quiet encounter, overcoming our objections and healing whatever obstacles may appear, the Lord might move us to embrace that truth which the "kindness and generous love" of God have won for us.

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