

## **A Two-Fold Identification**

Matthew 3:13-17; 28:18-20

### **I. Jesus' Identification with Sinners in the Jordan River.**

A. John's *Reservation*. vv.13,14

B. Jesus' *Determination*. v.15  
Cf. Isa.53: 2 Cor.5:21

"Simply as a perfectly holy person it would not have been appropriate for Jesus to ask for, or for John to grant Him, baptism; but as the holy person sent to save all the unholy ones, now that the great work was to begin, it indeed, was appropriate for Jesus and John to observe this baptism."  
R. Lenski Commentary on Matthew

C. Heaven's *Affirmation*. vv.16,17  
Cf. Isa.42:1

### **II. The Believer's Identification with the Triune God in Baptism.**

Cf. Matt.28:28-30; Rom.6:3-5