

WATER AND SPIRIT BAPTISM

Couched in Blood Atonement

John 1:29-35

- Blood**
- A** Behold the **Lamb of God** which taketh away sin
 - B** John came baptizing with water
 - C** He should be **manifest** to Israel
 - D** Spirit descended as a dove
 - D** and abode on Him
 - C** He would baptize with Holy Ghost
 - B** John sent to baptize with water
- Justified in the Spirit - I Tim 3:16
- Sanctified by the Truth - John 17:19
- Blood**
- A** Behold the **Lamb of God**

Here we see the precious picture of both water and Spirit baptism, both necessary for **salvation** (John 3:3, 5) couched in language of the **blood** atonement, so necessary for cleansing and intercession to make these baptisms acceptable to God.

Water baptism = Justification by faith
Spirit baptism = Sanctification by faith

If one looks closely at the layout of these verses, one will notice that

- 1) the **Lamb of God** takes away sin
- 2) He is the One who should be **revealed** to Israel
- 3) to do so, Holy Spirit descended upon Him for ministry testifying that the “Anointed One” was ‘justified in the Spirit’
- 4) and remained upon Him throughout His ministry—thus
- 5) He was baptized in the Spirit, sanctifying Him in the truth

All of this had to happen to “the Man, Christ Jesus, as **our Representative** for the **human family**. This was necessary for his brothers and sisters to then in their lives be justified and sanctified through His righteousness for their **salvation**.