

## January 9, 2011 "Get The Message?"

Remember the movie "Independence Day"? Aliens are destroying the world and are intercepting all communication. The earthlings discover that the aliens don't know the Morse Code and begin using that Code to defeat the enemy. The Morse Code is a series of dots and dashes invented by Samuel Morse in the mid 1800's. Many remember the old signal for S.O.S. which is ...

I read a story this week about a young man applying for a job to be a Morse Code operator. He answered an ad in the paper and ended up in a large office with many telegraphs clacking away in the background. Job applicants had to complete a form and wait to be called to an inner office. He did so and sat with other applicants. Suddenly he got up and walked right into the office. The others sitting there couldn't believe how bold this guy was being that he was the last to apply and no one had called them in for an interview. A few minutes later the boss appeared with the young man and thanked the others but the job had been filled. The others couldn't believe it. What had happened? That wasn't fair! We never had a chance to be interviewed. The boss then told them that while they were sitting there the whole time, the telegraph had been ticking out a message; "If you understand this message, come right in. The job is yours." They hadn't understood the message.

As we watch Jesus being baptized in Scripture this morning, we realize that He did this to take the burden of our sins on Himself. We hear the words of His Heavenly Father, "This is My Beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased." Do we hear God's words? Do they make sense to us like the Morse Code did for the young man?

These words from God are found in the Bible in two places. "This is My Beloved Son" comes from Psalm 2:7 and speaks about the coming Messiah. "In Whom I am well pleased" is from Isaiah 42:1 speaking of the beloved Servant of God Whose prophecy finishes in the suffering of Isaiah 53.

Our heavenly Father is sending us a message; this Jesus being baptized here is indeed the Messiah, the Son of God, the Savior of the world. God is pleased with Him because He is the perfect Servant Who will suffer and die on the cross as our Substitute, to take the punishment we deserve for our sins.

Faith in Jesus is faith in God's Son, the Savior, Who will take away our sins and open the kingdom of heaven for all believers. Because God Is Good.. All The Time, He wants

you to know; .--- - ... - -. --- -. -. ..-! Get the message?

Amen. . .pastor matthews