

## **Commentary on the Gospel for Sun, Jan 9th 2011**

Is 42: 1-4, 6-7

Acts 10: 34-38

Mt 3: 13-17

Baptism is for forgiveness of sins. Though Jesus was sinless, he identified himself with our sinful condition. In this participation the Father confirms his identity as his Son. We are born as sons of God, through our baptism where we are washed from our sinful condition and become a new creature. This baptism is not a mere ritual but it is a commitment to shed away our sinful ways and begin a new life. Our identity as children of God is preserved through our constant turning away from our sins.

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