

**THE WEEKLY - PART 3 : SCANDALOUS JESUS:
HIS RADICAL PROMOTER**

A Long Wait:

The Last prophet: Malachi 3:1-4; 4:5-6

4 GROUPS TRYING TO PLEASE GOD:

-The Sadducees - through _____

-The Essenes - through rejection of the hypocritical ways of the _____

-The Zealots - by _____ the _____ guys

The Pharisees - by _____ the Torah.

Scandals in a River:

Matthew 3

SCANDAL #1 Promoter calls religious leaders _____

Genesis 3; John 8:44

SCANDAL #2 Promoter offers _____ baptism for _____..

Purity Baptism - Leviticus 15

Matthew 15 & Mark 7

Proselyte Baptism

SCANDAL #3 Promoter does away with _____ system!

SCANDAL #4 Promoter baptizes _____!

John 8:46; 2Corinthians 5:21 Hebrews 4:15; 1John 3:5; Isaiah 53:12; 11:1-5;

SCANDAL #5 Promoter loses _____ in the One!!

Matthew 11:2-6

SCANDAL #6 THE SCANDAL OF ALL SCANDALS:

You can be filled with the _____!
God can live in _____!

Luke 3:16; Acts 2:17; Acts 2:38,39

**LIVING ROOMS - PART 3 : SCANDALOUS JESUS:
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SETTLING IN...

What is your current status in regard to baptism? (infant / believer / I'm thinking about it / not for me at this point)?

LOOK TO THE BOOK...

PLEASING GOD :

Pastor Jeff spoke of 4 groups in John's day that were trying to please God (see handout). Which of these groups do you feel the most kinship with. Which of these groups frustrate you the most? How is the way that Jesus calls us to please God fundamentally different from these groups? How is it the same?

THE SCANDALOUS BAPTISM:

What qualifies someone to be baptised?

Should we baptize people freely? If someone stood up at a baptism and said I want to be baptised should we baptize them? What reasons would give just cause to not baptize someone? What qualifies someone to be baptised?

Read Romans 8:13 "For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live,"

Read Acts 8:26-39

If you are comfortable share about your path to baptism. Why did you get baptised and how did it affect you?

Read Acts 10:37-38; Acts 13:24; Acts 18:24-25; Acts 19:3-6; Luke 3:16-18

Do you think that in our day someone could undergo John's baptism of repentance and yet not receive the baptism of Jesus? What distinguishes the two?

(Pastor Jeff – With Jesus you get the Holy Spirit.)

Read Acts 1:45; Acts 2:17 (see also Joel 2:28-29)

Read 2:38-39

If you have been baptized are you aware that the Holy Spirit lives in you? How?
What is so radical and scandalous about God's people receive the Holy Spirit
through faith?

What made it possible for the Spirit of God to dwell within you?

Remember the study from last week... Christ in You the hope of glory! God can
live within you and lead you!

For personal reflection: Are you experiencing this? Do you want too?
What would need to happen?