

His Name is John (Part 3)

John 1:19-34

How do I become a Christian?

We believe God's Word teaches we are saved by grace, through faith, at our baptism and remain so as we pursue the obedience of faith.

If you would like to become a disciple of Jesus, we invite you to come forward during our Response Time or meet with our leaders to further discuss what Scripture reveals.

How do I become a member of Montwood?

All disciples of Jesus are welcome to place membership with our flock. If you are interested in doing so, the shepherds would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and discuss this.

Who we are:

MCOC is an undenominational, autonomous, independent Christian church. We believe in...

- a Triune God.
- the Deity of Jesus.
- the inerrancy of Scripture.
- the resurrection of the dead.
- the priesthood of all believers.

We invite all who want to know God in a personal way to join us as we work together at following Jesus every day.



Clothing & Shoe Bin

You may have noticed a clothing donation bin from Donate El Paso on our property. Donations are given directly to students and families in need while also supporting our outreach efforts in the community.



A Church for You to Call Home

Sunday, April 26, 2026

**"See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction."
(Malachi 4:5-6)**

Singing – Demetrius Williams

*We Fall Down
Way Maker*

Welcome & Prayer – Demetrius Williams
and Marco Santiago

*We Will Worship the Lamb of Glory
Sing and Be Happy
Wonderful, Merciful Savior
How Deep the Father's Love*

Communion & Offering - Ray Gutierrez
and Jesús Ruelas

Joy in Jesus – Adrian Luna

KFC – Marina Kacsmar

Scripture Reading – Caleb Bloom
John 1:19-28

Sermon – Lonnie Tapscott
"His Name is John" Part Three (John 1:19-34)

Response Time – *My Eyes are Dry*

Family News – AJ Leday

Closing – *Take the Name of Jesus With You*

Prayer Requests

Please continue in prayer for Christina Lewis, Riki Pinales, Jake LeMense, Randa Smoot, Amelia McDonald, Dolores & Frank Gonzalez's nephew Ralph, Aliene Williams, her grandson Isaac, Ethan Williams, Greg Bunn, his sister Christy, Samuel Alderete, Al Dean's mother Madie Dean, Lisa Dean, Isley Jackson, Zoe Nelson's son-in-law John Gogocha, Blanca Robles' daughter Priscilla, Wanda Burris, Mary Hallberg, Micky Khanna's mother, Melissa Williams' mother Josefina Rodriguez



Scan to submit prayer requests or
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Email: prayer@montwood.org

The Lord's Servants

Preaching Elder: Jim Kotter

Preaching Elder: Lonnie Tapscott

Worship Minister: Carlos Gonzales

Family & Youth Minister: Adrian Luna

Missionaries:

- Paul & Claire Ahrens - Querétaro, Mexico
- Miguel Garcia - Zaragoza, Mexico
- Dionicio Santillan - Juárez, Mexico
- Kevin Montgomery - Texas International Bible Institute, Houston
- Dan & Sonia Koen – Freetown, Sierra Leone
- Greg Clodfelter – Nyeri, Kenya

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For the Week of April 19, 2026

Worship: 169 Budget: \$6,154
Bible Class: 77 Contributions: \$8,440
Midweek: 83

Birthdays & Anniversaries

28 - Abraham Luna
29 - Mary Hallberg

Montwood Small Groups

Small groups help members connect with each other and grow in their faith in God. All groups welcome new members. Small groups this week:

Wednesday

Discipleship Dynamics 6 p.m. in the Dining Hall

Faithful Witness (Revelation) 7 p.m. in Room 10
(led by Jim Kotter)

Youth Group 7 p.m. Room 34 (led by Adrian Luna)

Children's Group 7 p.m. in Room 24
(led by Ida Rusell)

Thursday

Overflow (Young Adults) 6:30 p.m. at Tapscott's

Virtual Bible Study 6:30 p.m. on Google Meet
(led by Troy Cranston)

This Week

Leadership Meeting - 7 p.m., April 28th

Mother-Daughter Event - 2-5 p.m., May 2nd, in the fellowship hall. All ladies are welcome. Let Margie Luna know if you plan to attend.

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. (Luke 3:21)

One of the high points during John's ministry of preaching repentance and baptizing for the forgiveness of sins is when Jesus himself came to be baptized by John. But why would Jesus do this if it is for those who need forgiveness? Does that mean somehow that Jesus was a sinner?

Hebrews 4:15 and II Corinthians 5:21 state categorically that he did not sin. Even at his own trial, the judge said, "I find no fault in this man." (Luke 23:4) So, since Jesus did not need to repent or be forgiven, why would he get baptized?

Luke's Gospel simply tells us what happened on that day and does not tell us why. Matthew and John do give us some insight in their Gospels, however.

According to John 1:33, John didn't know who Jesus was until after the baptism was performed

and the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus. This may seem strange since their mothers were cousins (Luke 1:36) and thus Jesus and John were related. However, John grew up in the wilderness of Judea (Luke 1:80) whereas Jesus grew up in Nazareth. (Luke 2:51-52) Maybe they met as boys at a family reunion, but as adults they seemingly didn't know each other.

When Jesus came to the Jordan River and asked John to baptize Him, Jesus must have told John who He was (or revealed his identity in another way) because John initially balked at the idea. Matthew 3:14 says John tried to deter Jesus, saying, "I need to be baptized by you." But Jesus said, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness," which gives us the answer to our question.

While it was true that John's baptism was of repentance unto forgiveness and Jesus had nothing to repent or be forgiven of, it is also true that Jesus knew God commanded this activity of his people. (Luke 20:4) In short, Israelites who wanted to be righteous before God were being baptized and Jesus did everything righteous people did. For Jesus, this was an act of submission to the God who instituted this baptism, which is what he means by saying doing this is an act of fulfilling all righteousness. Therefore, John consented and did as Jesus asked.

This phrase, "fulfill all righteousness," is easier to understand if we place it in the context of Jesus' entire life. For example, in Matthew 17:24-27, Peter is asked by the authorities if Jesus pays the temple tax. Peter replied yes to them, but Jesus then explained to Peter why he did so. He told his disciple that as the son of the God who rules over the Temple, he was exempt from paying this tax, but since doing so is what God required of his righteous people, it was proper for Jesus to pay it as well.

Jesus was baptized with the same principle in mind. He was asserting that if God establishes something as righteous conduct, he was obligated to do it, which he did at every point in his life.

--- Jim