

JANUARY 10, 2021 – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

In the beginning of the Pandemic, there was a lockdown of Wuhan city in China, where Covid-19 started. Many countries tried to evacuate their citizens from this city to their own countries. It was when all the other countries were yet safe from the coronavirus. Korean government sent a plane to deliver Koreans from this city. Only those who tested negative were allowed to get on this plane. There were two young children whose parents couldn't get on this plane. The parents sent only their two daughters. After the plane arrived at Korea, all the passengers and crew members were sent to a designated facility for the quarantine. These children were too young to stay in small room for two weeks by themselves. Their grandma came to stay with them. It wasn't easy for her to decide this. It was unpredictable situation, an unsafe place, and her freedom would be limited for two weeks. She volunteered to get into this facility without any hesitation. It was absolutely for love.

Jesus was baptized. All the sinners came to be baptized. Jesus was in the line of sinners. Jesus did not keep himself apart from sinners. He placed himself among them. He was even accused of being a sinner, and was treated as a sinner. It was absolutely for love too.

The baptism of Jesus shows us how much he loved us. He humbled himself to be with us. This should be the way for us to love others. When we humble ourselves, we will get more neighbors.

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