

The Adopted Life

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A Note on Epiphany

The word epiphany means “manifestation”, “insight” or “revelation”. What is the epiphany that we receive in Jesus’ baptism?

1. The revelation that God is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Son is baptized as the Father speaks from heaven and the Spirit appears in the form of a dove.

2. The revelation that Jesus is God the Son baptized (immersed) in humanity.

3. The revelation that all of humanity—both Jew and Gentile—is now, through Jesus, baptized in the Trinity.

This is why some Christian traditions celebrate the visit of the Magi on Epiphany and some celebrate Jesus’ baptism. Those two events reveal the reality of humanity’s inclusion in the Trinity through Jesus.

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