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Who Do You Know?

I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?

Matthew 3:15

Knowing Jesus

The words of John the Baptist above can be very revealing about our own lives.

John was not confident in his work or life in comparison to Jesus. He felt the need to have Jesus tell him he was doing fine and everything would be all right. In other words, the sign that you know Jesus is that you behave correctly. Good behavior is good religion according to this line of thought. There is another point of view, however, reflected in John's question. It makes all the difference in living a Christian life.

Jesus Knowing You

When John asks Jesus, ". . . and do you come to me?" the implication is something far deeper than checking up on behavior. It is that Jesus also knows you. For Jesus to come to you means that He knows everything about you and wants to be with you. One of the most powerful dynamics of the Christian life is knowing Jesus while being known by Jesus. Bringing everything to the light with Him is the path of freedom to be all we are created to be. Are there places in your life you do not want Jesus to know? Would you invite Him into those places now? You might find He was already there.

Coming Attractions

Sunday, January 12, 2014 worship at 10:00am followed by pot luck

Sunday, January 19, 2014 worship at 10:00am

Monday, January 20, 2014 1-3pm

Join Housing Opportunities Made Equal and St. Francis Episcopal Church to celebrate the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. through reading and art. We'll read *The Fair Housing Five* and *the Haunted House*, a story about a group of friends who work together to make their neighborhood welcoming to all. Then use your creativity to explore the dreams of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the friends in *Fair Housing Five*.

Centerville Circle of Prayer

Manakin-Sabot Cosmetic and Family Dentistry, Dr. Sarah Wilmer, owner, that patients would have increased health through the treatment received in this practice

Diocese of Virginia

Congregations and clergy of St. Stephen's, Catlett; Grace, Casanova; Christ Church, Luray; Olivet, Franconia; and St. Christopher's, Springfield.

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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