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La Jolla Christian Fellowship  
**The Gospel of John // S1 E8 Seeing-Saying-Doing**  
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**John 1: 29-34**

29 The next day John **saw** Jesus coming toward him and **said**, "**Look**, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!<sup>30</sup> This is the one I meant when I **said**, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'<sup>31</sup> I myself did not know him, but the reason I came **baptizing** with water was that he might be **revealed** to Israel."<sup>32</sup> Then John gave this **testimony**: "I **saw** the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him.<sup>33</sup> I would not have known him, except that the one who **sent me to baptize** with water **told me**, 'The man on whom you **see** the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.'<sup>34</sup> I have **seen** and I **testify** that this is the Son of God."

**Main Point: How to become a SEEING—SAYING—DOING follower of Jesus.**

**The History of Baptism**

[John the Baptist](#), who is considered a forerunner to Christianity, used baptism as the central sacrament of his messianic movement. Christians consider Jesus to have instituted the sacrament of baptism.  
The earliest Christian baptisms were by [immersion](#).

- Immersion baptism was not a Jewish ritual.
- Immersion baptism was the outgrowth of Jewish ceremonial cleansing and was performed after one believed.
  - **Acts 19:4** Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to **believe** in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus."
- John's baptism was a baptism of repentance.
  - The revelation of God happened after repentance and cleansing.
- Jesus baptizes with the Holy Spirit.
  - **Note:** Jesus does not decommission water baptism upon instituting Holy Spirit baptism.

The process and purpose of baptism is to create functioning Christians.

**John the Baptist was a Seeing, Saying and Doing Christian.**

- John the Baptist mentions seeing in some form 7 times in this passage. (Seeing, Looking, Saw, Seen)
- Speaking is mentioned 5 times in this passage. (Saying, Telling, Testifying)
- Some form of doing is mentioned 3 times in this text. (Revealing, Baptizing, Sending)

**The Holy Spirit also operates in the arena of Seeing, Saying and Doing**

**Seeing:** 1 Corinthians 2:9-10 Rather, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no heart has imagined, what God has prepared for those who love Him." 10 [But God has revealed it to us by the Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.](#)

**Saying:** John 13:16 But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.

**Doing:** [Hebrews 2:4](#) God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

**Questions for small groups:**

1. How can we better see and or recognize what God is doing around us? Are there tools that help us focus and gain clarity?
2. Where are you seeing God work at the moment?
3. Are you a saying and testifying believer? Give an example of the last time you testified publicly about Jesus and his salvation?
4. Being a doing Christian is not about works, it about an expression of God's love and power to a hurting world. Where are you being the hands and feet of Jesus?
5. Confession and repentance were keys to the revelation of God in verse 31. Why do you think that this is and have you experienced this yourself?