## Key Points, Baptism of the Lord January 7, 2024

• The text discusses the significance of baptism as a sacrament and reflects on different baptism stories found in scripture and personal experiences.

• Baptism is a mysterious and holy thing, a sacrament that promises God's presence and grace through the Holy Spirit.

• Baptism is not just a way to belong to a church but a holy mystery promising the real presence of the Holy Spirit and the inbreaking of God's kingdom.

• Different baptism stories in scripture include the Ethiopian Eunuch being baptized in haste, Lydia and her household being baptized in Philippi, and Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River.

• In baptism, we are claimed and called as God's beloved. We remember the words of Jesus baptism as he was affirmed by God during his baptism.