

KING FOR ALL #6

Luke's Gospel

Repentance

Luke 3:1-20



A. SERMON POINTS

1. The gospel is based in history
2. The gospel was promised beforehand
3. The gospel calls for repentance
4. The gospel brings rejection
5. The gospel is about Jesus

B. DISCUSSION STARTER

Why is repentance often not preached about in churches today?

C. FROM THE BIBLE

What does Luke want to tell us by referencing the various secular and religious leaders in v1-2?

What, according to John's preaching, is the cause (v7-9, 16, 17), nature (v8, 10-14), and outcome (v3, 15-17) of repentance?

What is repentance?

Baptism of the Holy Spirit

The baptism of the Holy Spirit may be defined as that work whereby the Spirit of God places the believer into union with Christ at the moment of salvation. The baptism of the Holy Spirit was predicted by John the Baptist and by Jesus before He ascended to heaven: “For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit” (**Acts 1:5**). This promise was fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost (**Acts 2:1–4**); for the first time, people were permanently indwelt by the Holy Spirit, and the church had begun.

1 Corinthians 12:12–13 is the central passage in the Bible regarding the baptism of the Holy Spirit: “For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink” (1 Corinthians 12:13). Notice that we “all” have been baptized by the Spirit—all believers have received the baptism, synonymous with salvation, and it is not a special experience for only a few.

Cf. **Ephesians 1:13-14**

This is what it means to be a Christian: to be moved upon by the Holy Spirit in such a way that we are brought to faith and united to Jesus.

Baptism of Fire

The baptism of fire most likely refers to judgment. The immediate context of John’s preaching in Luke is judgment (**Luke 3: 7-17, esp. v17**). We know that the Lord Jesus is coming to judge those who do not know God (**2 Thessalonians 1:5-10**; John 5:21-23; Revelation 20:11-15), but praise be to God that He will save all that will come and put their trust in Jesus (**John 3:36**).

D. IMPLICATIONS FOR ME

Think about your Monday to Friday occupation and conduct. In all honesty, are there things you need to repent of? Share them if appropriate.

John spoke fearlessly against Herod, and against the soldier’s and tax-collector’s exploitation of the civilian population. What does this teach us as Christians and Christian leaders? Note the result of this in v19-20. What’s the lesson?

E. PRAYER SUGGESTION

Please pray for our Sidesmen and Greeters. Pray that these support ministries will make everyone at our services feel welcome and loved.