

The Gospel of Luke: The Way of Salvation (Luke3)

1. The Way of Salvation is Through True Repentance (3:1-6)

- A. True repentance leads to **Forgiveness** of sins (vs.3,18)
 - 1. There must be a **change of mind** in order to believe/have faith in Jesus (*work of Spirit!*)
 - 2. *Acts20:21; 2Cor7:9,10; Luke13:5*
 - 3. Repentance, therefore, MUST be a main part of our preaching the gospel!!! (*Acts17:30*)
- B. True repentance must happen in the mind and **Heart** of each person (vs.4-6)
 - 1. Dealing with personal sin: John cries out “Make ready”!!! (*vs.4-5*)
*To make ready, you must deal w/ personal sin/heart... valley, mountain etc.
 - 2. The example of the tax collector vs. the rich young ruler (*Lk18:13-14, 18-24*)

2. John’s Sermon on True Repentance (3:7-18) *again, John is preaching the gospel to religious! vs.18

- A. Personal sin has **Consequences** of eternal judgment (*vs. 7,9, 17; Mal3:1-2,5*).
 - 1. Why do we all have a conscience that only speaks about right and wrong?
 - 2. What would happen if it was pronounced, all crimes will have no punishment?!
 - 3. *Sermon on Mount*, on 10commands, personal sin – lust is adultery; hate is murder; every careless word and secret deed will be revealed! ****Matt5:22; Rom3:19-20; Rev20:10-12,15!!!*
- B. Trust in religious works must be **Abandoned** (vs.8b)
 - *Jesus attacked all their religious works to gain favor with God...and Lk3:8!!!
- C. True repentance reveals a **Changed** life (vs.8a,10-14) – *Ex. Judas vs. Zaccheus*, Lk19:1-10
 - **Ex.* Pig eats slop and wallows in mire – dress them up, doesn’t change them!
- D. True repentance is displayed in **Humility** towards Jesus/God (*vs.16; Lk18* – Pharisee/tax collector; Rich ruler and blind, beggar Bartimaeus)
- E. True repentance always leads to **Embracing** the Good News of salvation in Jesus (*vs.17,18*)

3. Investigating the Real Jesus (3:16-18)

- A. The One who **Clears** the threshing floor
 - 1. winnowing fork (wide scoop shovel) is in his hand to *thoroughly* clear...**NO ESCAPE!!!**
 - 2. The wheat into the barn – righteous in Christ are saved
 - 3. The chaff burned with unquenchable fire – the wicked are eternally damned
- C. The reality of **Hell**... (*Mal4:1; Isa.2:8-12,19; Nahum1:2-8; Rev21:8; Matt10:28!*)
 - 1. Raised to judgment, given eternal bodies for a **conscious hell/ GOD’S WRATH!** – *Jn5:28-29*
 - *Unquenchable fire – it is **Eternal fire** *Lk16:22-24; Matt25:41,46*
 - *Unquenchable fire – it never **Fades** in torment; worm does not die **Mark9:47,48!*
 - *divine torment – **Weeping** and **Gnashing** of teeth **Matt13:41,42!*
 - 2. *Luke13:1-5* – all natural disasters, pandemics, etc. are warnings of the wrath to come!
- D. The good news of Jesus Christ! *Why does the angel say a Savior is good news of great joy?*

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- 1. Because of the divine, almighty, eternal fury and wrath of the Almighty God that comes!
 - 2. AND, *John3:16-17; Romans5:8; Rom6:23; Eph2:4-5*