

## Luke 3 Pt 2

Love your God w/all your heart, all your soul and all your strength

- John begins his ministry calling people to **repentance**

If John was the Mirror showing us our utter filthiness... then Jesus is the Living Water that totally washes it away and makes us clean. [NJC]

## II. Jesus Begins His Ministry

21 When **all the people** were baptized, it came to pass that **Jesus also was baptized...**

**John 1:29** The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "**Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!** 30 This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.'

- Jesus was baptized. Why was Jesus baptized?

**Mark 15:28 ... "And He was numbered with the transgressors." [Is 53:12]**

- **Jesus the sinless man** chooses to identify with us...sinners
  1. **Baptized w/ us sinners**
  2. **Friend of us sinners**
  3. **Crucified between sinners.** Jesus the sinless man identifies w/us sinners

**Hebrews 2:11 ...not ashamed to call [us] brethren...**

**Hebrews 4:15** [Jesus sympathizes] with our weaknesses...in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

- Jesus baptized not for sin/but to be identified with us sinners. One of us w/out sin

**Jesus arises from water praying to His Father...**

... and **while He prayed**, the **heaven was opened** 22 And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form **like a dove upon Him**, and a voice came from heaven which said, "You are **My beloved Son**; in You I am well pleased."

- **Heaven opens:** Holy Spirit descends in physical form of dove

Awesome Voice from heaven to **Jesus the man**  
**You are the Son I love...In you I am well pleased** [Well Done]

- **3 Persons of the Trinity in view**
  1. **Father** Speaking
  2. **Jesus** Praying
  3. **Spirit** Coming upon Him

**Our Triune God is revealed from Genesis to Revelation:** God the Father. God the Son. God the Holy Spirit. One God. Three Persons. A truth effortless to apprehend yet impossible to fully comprehend. That's okay. [NJC]

**SUMMARY Baptism of Jesus** Not ashamed to call us family.

- **Jesus the man:** Descendant of Adam

### III. Human Genealogy of Jesus Back to Adam

23 Now **Jesus** Himself began His ministry at about thirty years of age, being **(as was supposed) the son of Joseph**, the son of Heli son of Joseph, the son of Heli, 24 the son of Mat-that, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Janna, the son of Joseph, 25 the son of Matt-athiah, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Esli, the son of Naggai, 26 the son of Maath, the son of Matta-thiah, the son of Semei, the son of Joseph, the son of Judah, 27 the son of Joannas, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Sheal-tiel, the son of Neri, 28 the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of El-modam, the son of Er, 29 the son of Jose, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, 30 the son of Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonan, the son of Eliakim, 31 the son of Melea, the son of Menan, the son of Matt-a-thah, the son of Nathan, the **son of David, 32 the son of Jesse**, the son of Obed, the son of **Boaz** [husband of Ruth], the son of Salmon, the son of Nahshon, 33 the son of Amminadab, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of **Judah, 34 the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham**, the son of Terah, the son of Nahor, 35 the son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of **Eber**, the son of Shelah, 36 the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of **Shem, the son of Noah**, the son of Lamech, 37 the son of **Methuselah**, the son of **Enoch**, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalalel, the son of Cainan, 38 the son of Enosh, the son of Seth, the **son of Adam, the son of God.**

- **Luke follows Mary's line** Jesus actual lineage by blood
- **Matthew follows Joe's line** Jesus legal lineage by adoption

**Jesus the Man:** Real Person/Real Lineage

God chose to identify w/us experiencing firsthand what it is to be human

**So what? So, Whatever you're going through today he gets it...**

- Even your trials/temptations...

### Luke 4 Part 1 Coloring Outside the Lines

Love your God with all your heart, your soul, all your strength.

#### I. Lust of the Flesh Ungodly Desire for Self-Gratification

**Luke 4:1-15** Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry. And the devil said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." But Jesus answered him, saying, "It is written, **'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'**"

Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours." And Jesus answered and said to him, "Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, **'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'**"

Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" And Jesus answered and said to him, "It has been said, **'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'**"

- **3 Temptations** one commonality **Act contrary to God's will.** Color outside lines
- **3 Responses** one commonality **It is written...**don't color outside the lines

Jesus quotes Deuteronomy 8:3,6:13, 6:13 **It is written...**

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- Spirit came upon Him at baptism
- Spirit immediately leads Him...

**Mark 1:11**[Jesus baptized] **Immediately the Spirit drove Him into the wilderness.**

**Drives Him? Spirit more interested in growth than comfort**

Man Jesus led by the Spirit and tested by Satan all 40 days. Not just one.

- **Fasting:** Hungry 3-4 days/Hunger departs-returns/Been 40 days now/**dangerous**

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- **Scene:** Jesus is dangerously hungry v 2

**God's will:** Never for Jesus to use His supernatural abilities for Self

**Temptation Lust of the Flesh:** Fulfill legitimate desire for food in an illegitimate way

Satan's principal aim [is to bring our] appetites/his temptations together; to get [our] souls into a dry, seared state, and then to strike the match and make them burn. [Spurgeon]

"It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.'"

- **What is our Scripture when tempted by Flesh?** Ungodly Physical Desires

1. **Adultery** Mark 10:9 What God has joined together, let not man separate." [hate divorce]
2. **Fornication** 2 Tim. 2:22 Flee also youthful lusts...pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace
3. **Uncleanness** Eph. 5:3 Fornication...let it not even be named among you as is fitting for saints

**Psalm 119:11** Your word I have **hidden in my heart**, That I might not sin against You.

- **Satan tested Jesus to deviate from His Father's will for selfish motives**

1. Jesus never did a miracle for His own benefit
2. Doing so would have deviated from the Father's will/plan

If Jesus caved to satisfy Himself we all would be damned  
When we cave to ungodly physical appetites...we drive others away from God

**Key to Victory during temptation/testing? Word of God**

- **Jesus chooses Deuteronomy 8:3 to overcome lust of flesh**
- My sustenance/life I receive from My Father

**IOWs:** I know He is Good. I know His plan is for Good. Thus...  
I will overcome by His remembering His Word. Not go beyond His good/perfect will

**SUMMARY Lust of the Flesh** Ungodly Desire for Self-Gratification. Sex. Food. Drugs/Alcohol. Keep feeding it/die and take others w/you. Starve it and live.

## **II. Lust of the Eyes** Ungodly Desire for Self-Gain

5 Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. 6 And the devil said to Him, "All this **authority I will give You**, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. 7 Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours." 8 And Jesus answered and said to him, "**Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'**"

**Gods will:** Never to use His supernatural abilities for self  
**Temptation Lust of Eyes:** High Mountain. Offered every kingdom ever existed

### **IOWs Don't you want it now? The easy way? Quick fix?**

**Daniel 2:44** [Promised to Messiah. He..] shall break in pieces and **consume all these kingdoms, and it [His Kingdom] shall stand forever.**

- **Temptation to Jesus the man:** Crown before the Cross.

**You can have the entire world now w/ no pain  
Just worship me I will give it to You**

Satan is the ruler of this world and the prince of the power of the air by the popular election of mankind since the days of Adam. [Guzik]

- **Lust of the Eyes:** Sure sign? When stuff becomes more important than God/People

There is within the human heart a tough fibrous root of fallen life whose nature is to **possess, always to possess.** It covets 'things' with a deep and fierce passion. The pronouns 'my' and 'mine' look innocent enough in print, but their constant/universal use is significant... Things have become necessary to us, a development never originally intended. God's gifts now **take the place of God**, and the whole course of nature is upset by the **monstrous substitution.**" [Tozer]

- **Jesus Test Crown without the Cross**

Forsaking the Pain would be the same as Forsaking God/man  
Forsaking the Pain would have dammed all mankind to Hell

- **Our Temptation: Self Love.** I see it/want it. Don't care God says/Effect on others
  1. **Taking easy way to get what we want:** Divorce, Cheating, Stealing
  2. **Selfish desires above** God/Others for self-gain. Loving self/Hating People

Who's guess Satan would tempt us with the very opposite of God's will

**Love others as you love yourself**

- **Satan:** Take the easy way. **Jesus' response...**

### ... **"Get behind Me, Satan!**

- Peter used Satan's w/very same temptation

**Mark 8:33** [Peter: You don't have to go the cross] ... [Jesus turned] around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, **"Get behind Me, Satan!** For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

- If Jesus caved...Peter, fellow disciples, all humanity damned
- **Temptation is real...**

Cross will be excruciating... As will be what God calls us/you to do  
To those who tempt us to take the easy way? I know you think you mean well but...

**Get behind me Satan...Get out of the way!**

### **For it is written...**

You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve

- **The Man Jesus chooses Deuteronomy 6:13**

Only God shall be worshipped/served...All else is Idolatry  
IOWs Serving self above God/others is akin to Serving Satan

- What Scriptures would we choose tempted to take the easy way not God's way?

**Hebrews 11:25** [By faith Moses chose to...] suffer affliction with the people of God [rather] than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, 26 esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward. 27 By faith he forsook Egypt, **not fearing** the wrath of the king; for **he endured as seeing Him who is invisible.**

**SUMMARY Lust of the Eyes** Ungodly Desire for Self-Gain. Taking what you want at the expense of the souls of others

### **III. Pride of Life** Ungodly Desire for Self-Promotion

9 Then [Satan] brought [Jesus] to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If [since] You are the Son of God, **throw Yourself down from here.** 10 For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you,' 11 and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" 12 And Jesus answered and said to him, **"It has been said, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'** "

- **Scene:** Wilderness. Dangerously hungry. Jesus the man/not feeling much like a man

**Prove how great "Your Father" thinks you are...  
Jump...make Him catch You**

- **Test:** Presume God will cater to our prideful/arrogant demands
- **Satan tries knew tactic:** Word of God [Psalm 91] out of context...[as cults]

**Out of context** God will protect Messiah from any/all harm  
**Within context** God will protect Messiah **as He walks in Father's will**

Presuming we can make/force/manipulate/pressure God do anything makes us God...and that don't work. [NJC]

- We may not say it but act like...
  1. God owes us
  2. We know better than God manifested in us...

Acting like a god? Testing Him/others to be subservient to our desire for self-promotion. No.

The meek man cares not at all who is greater than he, for he has long ago decided that the esteem of the world is not worth the effort." [Tozer]

- He who desires to be the greatest must be a servant to all

Jesus tempted to jump. Response desired? Okay watch this. **Response?**  
It **has been said**, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God

- Man Jesus chooses Deuteronomy 6:16: Do not provoke God...you will lose
- **Jesus to Satan:**
  1. Don't tempt Me to test My Father
  2. By tempting Me **you are testing God**

**13 Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.**

Tempted by the devil every day for forty days  
Satan's tactics remain the same...If it broke don't fix it

<b>Lust of the Flesh: Ungodly Desire Self Gratification</b>	Eve saw "forbidden fruit" looked tastier than rest	I want it anyway
<b>Lust of the Eyes: Ungodly Desire Self-Gain</b>	Eve saw that it was "pleasant to the eyes"	I want it now
<b>Pride of Life: Ungodly Desire for Self-Promotion</b>	Eve believed though forbidden "make wise"	I deserve it

**SUMMARY Pride of Life** Ungodly Presumption

## IV. Victory over Temptation Challenge

**1 John 2:15** Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the **love of the Father is not in him.** 16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh [Ungodly Physical Appetite], the lust of the eyes [Greed for Easy Self-Gain], and the pride of life [Ungodly Presumption] —is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And **the world is passing away, and the lust of it;** but he who does the will of God abides forever.

- **Q.** What is the key to victory over Satan's temptation? **A.** Word of God.  
I'm in the Word of God. Why do I keep falling to the same temptations?

**John 14:15 If you love Me you will keep My commandments**

- **Jesus our example:**

**John 14:31** ...that the world may know that **I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father commanded** ...Me Get up, let us go from here. [Face like flint/to the cross]

Jesus the man had victory over the devil not because of His devotion, dedication, loyalty, or promises He made but because of **His fervent love for His Father** [and us] [NJC]

Maybe we easily cave to sin because we don't know what it is to love God  
Maybe we once loved God but we have left our first love...

**Revelation 2:4** ... you have **left your first love**. 5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works

▪ **What did you do when you first experienced Jesus?**

1. Listening to Praise music
2. Spending alone time in Word
3. Loving others **just that they might taste what you taste?**

**Love/Obedience:** Inseparable in Scripture

When a child knows the love of their parent...**they want to obey**

▪ **Jon Courson:** Teenage daughter in car w/friends that were drinking

1. Do you want a drink or afraid your father will punish you?
2. No...I don't want to hurt my father

**1 John 4:17** Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because **as He is, so are we in this world**.

- **How was Jesus in this world?** Gave everything for us to do the will of His Father
- Overcame temptation/Continued to overcome temptation for us...

When the devil had ended **every temptation**  
[Satan] departed from Him **until an opportune time**. When?

**Matthew 26:39** [Garden of Gethsemane Jesus] ...fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will."

- **First Adam** Fell to temptation in a Garden/Wrecked Universe/Separated us God
- **Last Adam** Victory over temptation a Garden. Restored us/gave us Eternal Life!

**1 John 4:19** We love Him **because He first loved us**.

**Satan tempts us to build the kingdom of self-misery...there is a better Kingdom-  
Kingdom Joy**

**How do we overcome Satan's temptation? Lust of flesh, lust of eyes, pride of life?**

Make Jesus your First Love...Obey his Word