

Scripture

Luke 3:7-16(NKJV) ⁷ Then he said to the multitudes that came out to be **baptized** by him, “Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Therefore **bear fruits worthy of repentance**, and do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as *our* father.’ For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. ⁹ And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.” ¹⁰ So the people asked him, saying, “What shall we do then?” ¹¹ He answered and said to them, “He who has two tunics, let him give to him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise.” ¹² Then tax collectors also came to be **baptized**, and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” ¹³ And he said to them, “Collect no more than what is appointed for you.” ¹⁴ Likewise the soldiers asked him, saying, “And what shall we do?” So he said to them, “Do not intimidate anyone or accuse falsely, and be content with your wages.” ¹⁵ Now as the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ *or* not, ¹⁶ John answered, saying to all, “I indeed **baptize** you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the **Holy Spirit** and fire.

Luke 11:13(NKJV) If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him.

John 16:7(ESV) Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your **advantage** that I go away, for if I do not go away, the **Helper** will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

Luke 3:17-22(NKJV) ⁷ His winnowing fan *is* in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire.” ¹⁸ And with many other exhortations he preached to the people. ¹⁹ But Herod the tetrarch, being **rebuked** by him concerning Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, and for all the evils which Herod had done, ²⁰ also added this, above all, that he shut John up in prison. ²¹ When all the people were **baptized**, it came to pass that Jesus also was **baptized**; 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.**”

Practical Truths

1. Your identity is _____ from God, not a _____ of anything you do.
2. Identity is what we _____ from, not _____ for.
3. You are not _____ by what you have done, but what Christ has done for you.
4. What you do doesn’t _____ who you are; who you are should _____ what you do.

**Jesus worked from the identity He received from the father,
He did not work to achieve an identity on His own.**