

First Baptist Church – Odessa

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“The Message of John the Baptist”

“King of Kings – The Authority of the King” –Pt. 4

Luke 3:1-14 and Selected

John the Baptist...

I. Was God’s final Old Testament _____!

“The word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness.” Vs. 2b

II. Boldly preached one _____ his entire ministry!

“And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” Vs. 3

John the Baptist’s Sermon Topic: _____

- You are dangerously like your father the _____!

“He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, ‘You brood of vipers!’” Vs. 7a

- You cannot run from the _____ to come!

“Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come.” Vs. 7b

- Your _____ must change!

“Bear fruit in keeping with repentance.” Vs. 8a

- You cannot hide behind your _____ heritage!

“And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.” Vs 8b

- You must believe the consequences of unrepentance are extreme and that _____!

"Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." Vs. 9

III. Calls _____ to a life of true repentance today!

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True Repentance...

1. Begins with a heartfelt question: "What must I _____ to receive God's forgiveness?"

"And the crowds asked him, 'What then shall we do?'" Vs. 10

2. Understands the _____ of unrepentance.

3. Is totally opposite of _____ sorrow.

"Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death."

2 Corinthians 7:10 NIV

Worldly sorrow is Satan's method for keeping you

_____ ; godly sorrow is God's method for setting you _____!

4. Has nothing to do with religious _____.

5. Results in a change of actions that evidences _____ transformation.

See Vs. 11-14

6. Leads to a close spiritual _____ with the Son of God!