

Title: "Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance"

Text: Luke 3

THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

JOHN THE BAPTIST: AN IMPORTANT MESSENGER

1. A special birth
2. A special child (Luke 1:15)
3. A special mission

THE IMPORTANT MESSAGE THAT HE BORE

"Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance" (Luke 3:8)

1. The reason that John preached this message ("therefore")

"Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come" (Luke 3:7)

- a. There is a wrath to come
 - b. It refers to God's judgment and punishment
 - i. Because of our sins
 - ii. Because of our disobedience
 - c. God has made a way for us to flee from it
2. To flee
 - a. Two ideas are contained
 - i. Fleeing "from"
 - ii. Fleeing "to"
 - b. What we flee to
 - i. The Kingdom of God (Cf. Matthew 3:1)
 - ii. Salvation (Cf. Hebrews 2:3)
 3. Bearing fruits worthy of repentance
 - a. The way to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven

- b. Repentance
 - i. Change
 - ii. On the inside
- c. Fruits
 - i. Concrete action
 - ii. Practical steps

A WORD OF COMFORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT

1. We are important to God
 - a. He sent an important messenger
 - b. An important message was given
2. God invites us into His Kingdom
 - a. He grants to us a remission of sin
 - i. Cancellation
 - ii. Cast away
 - iii. Forgiveness
 - b. Our part is to repent
 - i. An important response
 - ii. A warning that must be heeded

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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