



THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Sermon Notes

“A True Repentance”

Luke 3:10-14

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Luke 3:10 And the crowds asked him, "What then shall we do?" **11.** And he answered them, "Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise." **12.** 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 you are authorized to do." **14.** Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

- I. Review of John “Preparing the Way”
 - A. Preaching a baptism of repentance
 - B. Warning the crowd of the wrath to come
 - C. Challenging them to “Bear fruits in keeping with repentance.”
 - D. Destroying their reliance upon family/ethnic ties.
- II. New Questions from the Crowd
 - A. The three main groups of people in the gospels
 - 1. The religious leaders
 - 2. The disciples of John/Jesus
 - 3. The crowd
 - B. The crowd’s question – “What then shall we do?”

III. The Answer – Bear Fruit in Keeping with Repentance

A. The meaning of “bearing fruit in keeping with repentance.”

B. John’s particular response to the crowd

1. A repentant heart is a charitable heart
2. Repentance requires a radical change in life-style
3. Repentance results in contentment with God

C. The 21st Century crowd

IV. The Biblical Definition of “Good Works”

A. Definitions from some Reformers of the past (Luther, Bunyan, Spurgeon, Lloyd-Jones)

B. Jesus’ definition: John 8:29

V. A True Repentance Leads to a True Reformation