



What Shall We Do?

Luke 3:11-18



BLUE LETTER BIBLE

The Baptism of Christ

Ministry of John the Baptist

Matt.

3:1-12

Mark

1:1-8

Luke

3:1-18

John

1:15-31

Baptism of Jesus Christ

3:13-17

1:9-11

3:21-22

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The Temptation of Christ

The temptation

4:1-11

1:12-13

4:1-13

The Early Ministry of Christ

Andrew and another disciple and Simon

1:35-42

Peter

Philip and Nathanael

1:43-51

The marriage in Cana of Galilee

2:1-11

Baptism of Repentance

The Christ

Wrath to Come

What shall we do?

Ethical Behavior

Baptism of Holy Spirit and Fire



Luke 3:8

•Bear fruits in keeping
with repentance.

What a challenge.

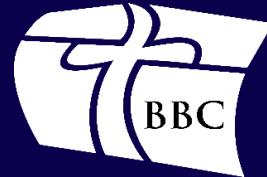
**True Repentance is always
characterized by a change in ethical
and moral behavior.**

**Give evidence that your conversion is
legit.**

John 15:8



•By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.



Luke 3:8

•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.

Luke 3:9

- 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.”

1st of 3 references to fire.



Turn Over To John 15:1-6

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.



Luke 3:10

•And the crowds asked him, “**What then shall we do?**”





Turn to

Luke 10:25-28

25 And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

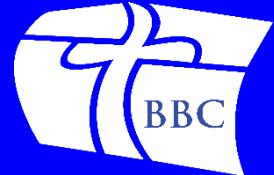
26 He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” 27 And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” 28 And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”



Turn Over To

Luke 18:18ff

¹⁸ And a ruler asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁹ And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ²⁰ You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.’ ” ²¹ And he said, “All these I have kept from my youth.” ²² When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”



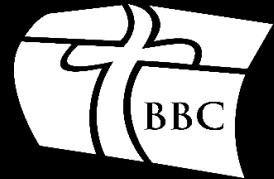
Turn Over To

John 6:28-29

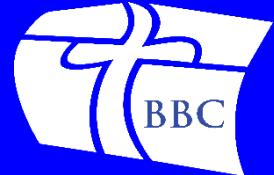
**28 Then they said to him, “What must we do,
to be doing the works of God?”**

**29 Jesus answered them, “This is the work of
God, that you believe in him whom he has
sent.”**

Acts 2:37-38

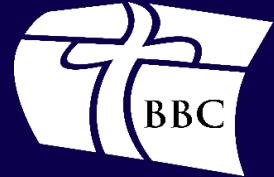


•Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “**Brothers, what shall we do?**” ³⁸ And Peter said to them, “**Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**



Let's Circle Back to

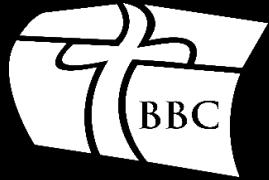
Luke 3 v. 16



Luke 3:16

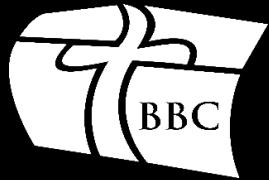
•John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**

John 1:33



•I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’

Acts 1:5



[Jesus says]

- For John baptized with water, but **you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.**"

Baptism of the Holy Spirit

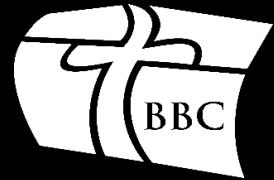
What is it?



Final

What must I do?

Acts 16:30-31



•Then he brought them out and said,
“Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” 31
And they said, **“Believe in the Lord
Jesus, and you will be saved, you and
your household.”**



Turn Back To

Luke 3:11-14

This is vintage Social Gospel

Presbyterians 1910

The great ends of the church are the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

Presbyterian Church (USA)

Social

3: of or relating to human society, the interaction of the individual and the group, or the welfare of human beings as members of society <*social institutions*>

Merriam-Webster



Luke 3:11

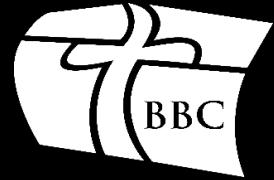
•And he answered them, “**Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.**”



Deuteronomy 15:11

•For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, ‘You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.’

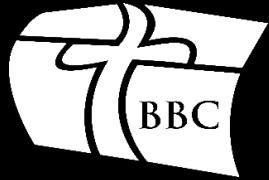
Luke 12:33



Jesus...

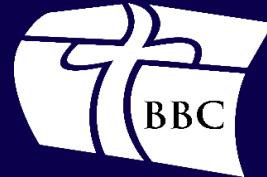
•**Sell your possessions, and give to the needy.** Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys.

Ephesians 4:28



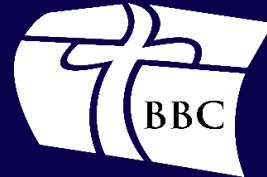
- Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands,

[WHY] so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.



Luke 3:12

- Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?”



Luke 3:13

- And he said to them, “**Collect no more than you are authorized to do.**”



Luke 3:14

- 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.**”

What do all three
examples have in
common?



Is John the Christ?

Do we understand
what they were asking?



Luke 3:15

• As the people were in expectation,
and all were questioning in their hearts
concerning John, whether he might be
the Christ,

Why?

The Snake Crusher (Gen 3)

The Scepter (Gen 49)

The Prophet (Deut 18)

The Messiah (Dan 9)

Elijah (Mal 4)

Scripture like Ps 110 or Isaiah 53

What else were the Israelites expecting from the prophets Ezekiel and Jeremiah?



Luke 3:16

•John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**



Luke 3:17

•His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, **but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.**”

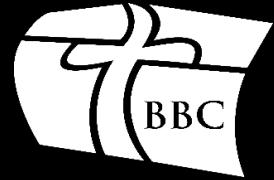
The Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world is also the Judge.

**Who gives us the MOST
admonishments about fire and
punishment?**

Matthew 25:41

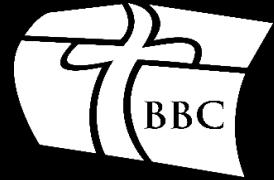
**“Then he will say to those on his left,
‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the
eternal fire prepared for the devil and
his angels.**

James 5:9



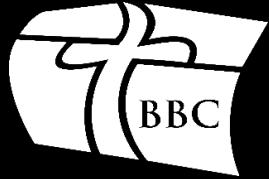
•Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door.

1 Peter 4:5

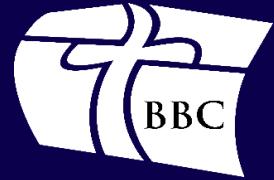


- But they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

Revelation 22:12



•“Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done.



Luke 3:18

•So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people.