

Series "Knowing The Exact Truth"
"Holy Spirit and Fire"
Luke 3:15-20
Study-10

John The Baptist, through his preaching, sensed the pleasure of God!
Luke 3:15

**John The Baptist's Ministry Was A Forerunner Of Jesus Christ! Preparing
The People For Jesus! Luke 3:4**

**Luke now records John the Baptist's Announcement/Description of Jesus
Christ! Messiah's Superiority, Messiah's Superior Ministry: Luke 3:16**
Matthew 3:12; Mark 1:1-8; John 1:15-37

Luke 3:16 He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Luke's Purpose: "Knowing The Exact Truth About Jesus Christ" Luke 1:4

Luke 1:1-4:13 The Introduction Of The Son Of Man:

Thought Of Our Passage: "God's Servants Always Exalt The Lord Knowing That
He Must Increase And We Must Decrease."

1. Verses 15-18 John Is Not Christ

2. Verses 19-20 John Called Out Sin

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Luke 3:15 Now

Context - marks a transition in Luke's account. Luke left off describing
John the Baptist as "God's Bulldozer" - God's message of repentance with
bearing fruit.

John's Preparation To Preach:

John Appeared In Israel's Darkest Hour:

John's Preaching Demanded Application Of His Hearers:

Luke 3:10 "Then what shall we do?" Under the conviction of the Holy
Spirit

while the people were in a state of expectation

"wait with anxiety" literally, "tiptoe of expectation" **Luke 1:15**

Luke 7:18-35

as to whether he might be the Christ,
Herod even knew of His coming **Matthew 2:4**

John 3:30 "He must increase, but I must decrease.

John 1:21 Promised by Moses **Deuteronomy 18:15**

Luke 3:16 John answered and said to them all, "As for me, I baptize you with water;

John is God's servant pointing to the master!

Messiah's Superiority: but One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to untie the thong of His sandals;

This was looked at as beneath Jewish dignity, in contrast, Jesus washed the disciples' feet **John 13**)

I am not fit to untie the thong of His sandals; John saw Jesus as superior to himself. Genuine Humility. **Luke 7:28**

The Bible encourages us to come to God. **Hebrews 4:16**

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My ministry is ("**External**" **Sign of Inward Repentance, Identifying a people with the coming Messiah**)

baptize – *"to dip or to dye, to dye a cloth in a pot the cloth became the color of the dye thus it changed its identity"*

We need to see ourselves in the light of God, our Savior; He alone Is Divine. (God Not Man Is The Standard) We are Human, and we can change the external, we are limited. Only God can do the Internal/Eternal in ministry.

Messiah's Superior Ministry: He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Jesus' ministry is (Internal/Eternal)
Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:8; John 1:33

Acts 1:5

Spirit Baptism: 1 Corinthians 12:13

Regenerated/Regeneration – This describes *"a new spiritual birth, born again, born from above, becoming a child of God"* **Titus 3:5**

John 3:3-7; Ephesians 2:5

1. God must do it. The Spirit of God must draw us. He alone must save us.
2. It is instant; it is not a process of enlightenment.
3. Conversion involves the mind, will, and emotions.

Indwelt By The Holy Spirit: The Spirit of God then comes to live in me.
John 14:16-17; Romans 8:9

Sealed By The Holy Spirit: Moment of conversion, we are sealed and become the marked property and ownership of Jesus Christ.
Ephesians 1:13-14

Holy Spirit's Intercession: The Holy Spirit has been praying and drawing us.

Romans 8:26-27

Judgment Of Fire: He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
Fire - symbolic of "God's judgment" -
(Context) Luke 3:17 He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." Ezekiel 20:47; Joel 2:30

All people will be baptized either with Life or with Judgment! **John 5:21-24**

Holy Spirit Sanctifies Us: and fire. Fire purifies, cleanses, removes dross as in gold, silver. **Malachi 3:1-2**

Luke 3:17 Messiah's Superior Judgment: "His winnowing fork is in His hand - Was like a pitchfork.

to thoroughly clear His threshing floor,

It was at the threshing floor that the grain was separated from the chaff.

and to gather the wheat into His barn; Heaven, His Father's House.

but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

The term **unquenchable** - *asbestos*, "perpetual, not to be quenched, unquenchable" *Ultimate judgment.* **John 5:22**

Matthew 25:41,46

Luke 3:18 exhortations "strong warnings, blunt language, direct advice"

The term **gospel** - means "Good News"

The context is that John is warning about judgment and here it is called good news. That sin must be dealt with. That sinners need to turn from their ways to God.

2. Verses – 19-20 John Called Out Sin:

Luke 3:19 But when Luke tells of how Herod responded negatively to John's message when the crowds to the opposite were touched by the message.

Herod the tetrarch - This was **Herod the Antipas** who was the son of Herod the Great. He ruled Galilee and Perea from 4 BC-39 AD during Jesus' ministry.

reprimanded – *"to convict, to prosecute the case against someone that he is proven guilty of the crime of which he is accused"*

because of Herodias, his brother's wife, (Matthew 14:1-12; Mark 6:14-29) Herod Antipas convinced the wife of his half-brother Philip to leave her husband. Under Jewish law, this was prohibited incest. **Leviticus 18:16; 20:21**

Luke 3:20 added this

A very common medical word, used of the application of remedies to the body, *"apply wet sponges to the head"* Herod's remedy to John the Baptist was to silence him by isolating him.

that he locked John up in prison.

Josephus said fortress of Machaerus, located about four miles east of the Dead Sea. **Matthew 14:5**

Application:

- 1.** God's Servants Always Exalt The Lord Knowing That He Must Increase And We Must Decrease.
- 2.** As Servants Of God, We Must Ever Be Reminded Of Our Limitations. It Is God Alone That Can Change The Heart. Servants Can Share God's Word, Pray, But God Alone Must Change The Heart.
- 3.** The Gospel Is The Good News That Sinners Can Be Declared Right Before God By Grace Through Faith In Jesus Christ. The Gospel Is The Good News That God Will Judge And End All Sin.
- 4.** John The Baptist Faithfully Delivered God's Word With The Result That He Was Imprisoned. God's Servants Are Not Responsible For Persons' Rejection Of The Message But For Faithfully Delivering God's Truth.