

Are You Prepared?
Luke 3:1-20

Getting Started

- ❖ When we are confronted with a call to repent, why do we tend to either strongly accept or reject the invitation?

Key Ideas for Discussion

1. The Messenger of Repentance (v.1-6, 19-20)
2. The Meaning of Repentance (v.3)
3. The Marks of Repentance (v.3, 7-14)
4. The Magnitude of Repentance (v.15-18)

Takeaway Truth: At the heart of the gospel is heartfelt repentance.

Digging Deeper (Read the sermon text again and discuss the following questions.)

- What is repentance? What's the difference between repentance and remorse? (Matt. 12:41; Jonah 3:8, Is. 55:7)
- How do repentance and faith work together for salvation? Acts 2:38
- How is the outward fruit John encouraged any different from the religious works of the Pharisees whom he condemned? (Gal. 5:22-23; Col. 1:10)
- What is the baptism in fire? (Is. 4:4; Jer. 23:29; Acts 2:3; 2 Tim. 1:6,). What does fire do that the Holy Spirit also does? (1 Cor 3:13; Mal. 3:2, 3; Ezek. 24:9-11). What is intended in the comparison of baptism with water versus fire?
- How can we bear fruit? (John 15:5,16)

Apply It!

- ❖ Jack Miller used to say, "We need to repent of our repentance." What do you think he meant, and do you agree?
- ❖ In what areas of your life do you need to show the fruits of repentance this week?
- ❖ John applied the principle that while God is at work changing people, He often does not change their work or their place in life. At work or play this week, what action can you take because of agreement with God's priorities?

Think About It!

A saved soul is a repentant soul. (R. Kent Hughes)

WORSHIP RESOURCE

October 22, 2023 | 21st Sunday after Pentecost

FOUND IN YOU

**Words and Music by Andi Rozier, Jason Ingram,
and Paul Baloche, 2013**

We're reaching out to welcome You God. Fill this place
again with Your song. Flood our thoughts with wonder and awe.
Give us a greater glimpse of a never changing God.

*All we want and all we need is found in You, found in You.
Jesus, every victory is found in You, found in You.*

Open wide our hearts now to Yours. Every fear
bow down to Your love, that we would see like never before.
Give us a greater glimpse of a never changing God.

In your presence there is freedom.
In your presence we are made whole.

SAME GOD

**Words and Music by Brandon Lake, Chris Brown, Pat Barrett,
and Steven Furtick, 2019**

I'm calling on the God of Jacob whose love endures through
generations. I know that you will keep your covenant.
I'm calling on the God of Moses, the one who opened up the ocean.
I need you now to do the same thing for me.

*Oh God, my God, I need you. Oh God, my God,
I need you now, how I need you now. Oh Rock, oh Rock of ages,
I'm standing on your faithfulness, on your faithfulness.*

I'm calling on the God of Mary whose favor rests upon the lowly.
I know with you all things are possible.
I'm calling on the God of David who made a shepherd boy
courageous. I may not face Goliath, but I've got my own giants.

You hear your children then; you hear your children now. You are the
same God, you are the same God. You answered prayers back then,
and you will answer now, You are the same God, you are the same
God. You were providing then; you are providing now. You are the
same God, you are the same God. You moved in power then; God,
move in power now. You are the same God, you are the same God.
You were the healer then; you are a healer now. You are the same
God, you are the same God. You were a Savior then; you are a Savior
now. You are the same God, you are the same God.

JESUS, WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS

Words by J. Chapman, 1910 / Music by Rowland Pritchard, 1855

Jesus, what a Friend for sinners! Jesus, lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Hallelujah, what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.*

Jesus, what a strength in weakness! Let me hid myself in Him. Tempt-
ed, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my strength, my victory wins.

Jesus, what a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll.
Even when my heart is breaking, He, my comfort, helps my soul.

Jesus, I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find;
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine.

GRATITUDE

Words and Music by Brandon Lake, 2019

All my words fall short, I've got nothing new. How could I
express all my gratitude? I could sing these songs,
as I often do, but every song must end, and you never do.

*So I throw up my hands and praise you again and again,
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah, hallelujah.
And I know it's not much, but I've nothing else fit for a king,
except for a heart singing hallelujah, hallelujah.*

I've got on response; I've got just one move.
With my arms stretched wide, I will worship you.

Come on my soul, oh don't you get shy on me.
Lift up your song, 'cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs.
Get up and praise the Lord (3x).

DAILY READINGS | BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

SUNDAY | Ps. 93; Jeremiah 29:1-14; Acts 16:6-15; Luke 10:1-20
MONDAY | Ps. 57; Jeremiah 44:1-14; 1 Cor. 15:30-41; Matt. 11:16-24
TUESDAY | Ps. 28; Lam. 1:1-12; 1 Cor. 15:41-50; Matt. 11:25-30
WEDNESDAY | Ps. 125; Lam. 2:8-15; 1 Cor. 15:51-58; Matt. 12:1-14
THURSDAY | Ps. 81; Ezra 1:1-11; 1 Cor. 16:1-9; Matt. 12:15-21
FRIDAY | Ps. 20; Ezra 3:1-13; 1 Cor. 16:10-24; Matt. 12:22-32
SATURDAY | Ps. 149; Ezra 4:7-24; Philemon 1-25; Matt. 12:33-42

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you ask us to give you the things that are yours. If we are
honest, we know we hold so much back. We have promised you our
obedience, but we often fulfill our own desires first. We have prom-
ised you our worship, but we give our attention to idols instead. We
have promised to do your work in the world, but we put it last on our
list of priorities. Have mercy on us and forgive us. Increase our gener-
osity that we might give freely, grateful for all of the gifts you have
given us.



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