

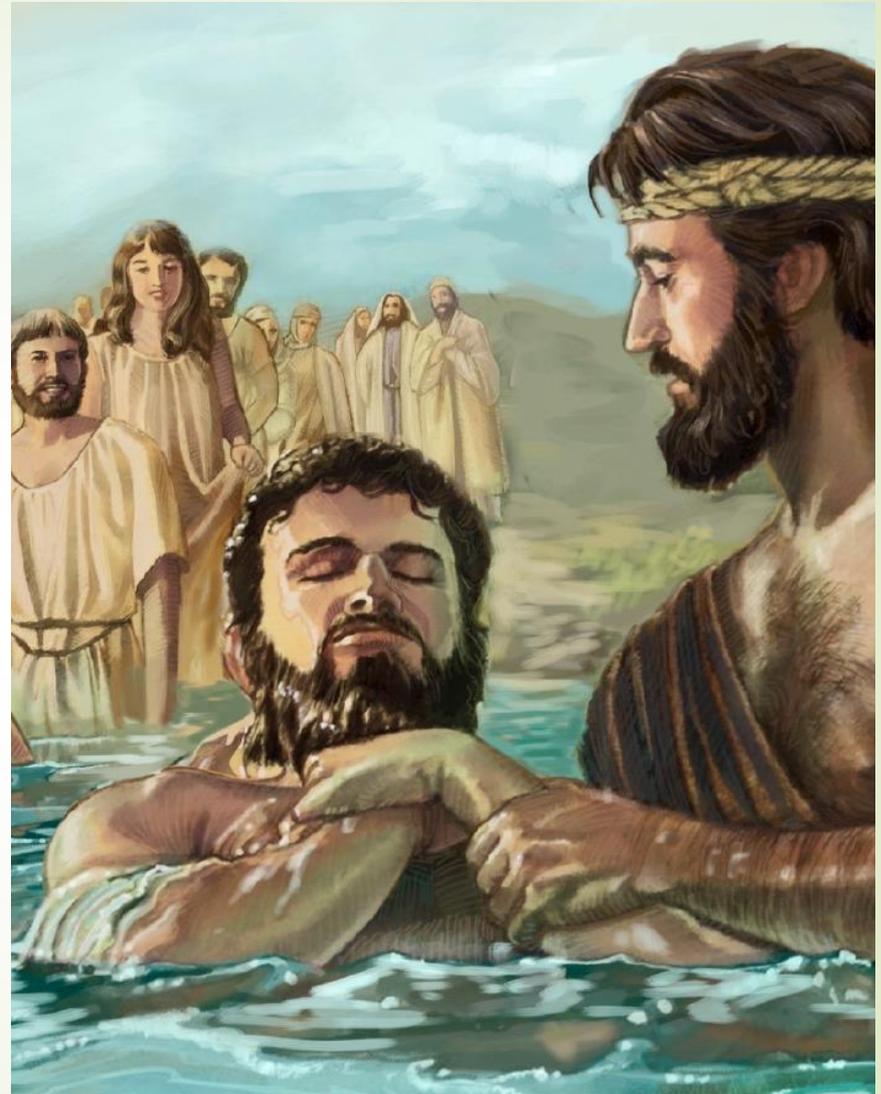
“Bear fruits worthy of repentance...”  
– Luke 3:8

# Introduction

- “And he went into all the region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins...” (Lk. 3:3)
- NOT, bear fruits worthy of forgiveness

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- “But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance...” (Matt. 3:7-8)
- “Then he said to the multitudes that came out to be baptized by him, “Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance...” (Lk. 3:7-8)
- “Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.” (Lk. 3:9)





# Bearing Fruit Worthy of Repentance

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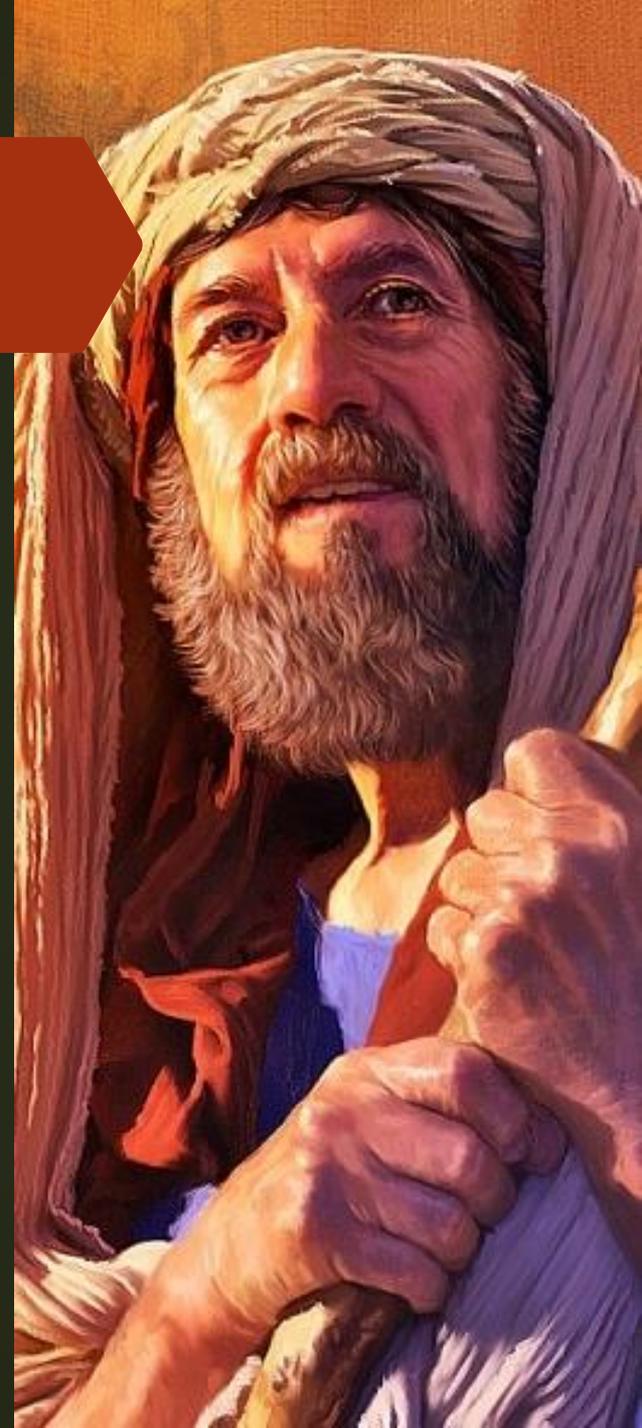
# 1. Faith

- ▶ We must believe that we will receive forgiveness when we repent.
- ▶ “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 Jn. 1:9)
- ▶ “Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.” (Lk. 3:8)



## 2. A Change in Life

- ▶ The evidence of our repentance ought to be noticeable in my life.
- ▶ *“Repentance for our sins does indeed change us for the better. But even repentance will not appear to be of much use to us if works of mercy do not accompany it.”* (St. Augustine)
- ▶ **“If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham.”**  
(Jn. 8:39)



# 3. Judging Oneself

- ▶ “For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged.” (1 Cor. 11:31)
- ▶ Ex: The Lost Son
- ▶ I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, 19 and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.” (Lk. 15:18-19)



## 4. Accepting the consequences and burden of my sin

- EX: David
- “So David arose from the ground, washed and anointed himself, and changed his clothes; and he went into the house of the Lord and worshiped. Then he went to his own house; and when he requested, they set food before him, and he ate.” (2 Sam. 12:20)



## 5. Sincerity

- The repulsion of sin
- “You who love the Lord, hate evil!”  
(Ps. 97:10)
- “I have hated the assembly of evildoers and will not sit with the wicked.” (Ps. 26:5)

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