

John Challenges Believers to Bear Good Fruit

Luke 3:7-20

1. Where is the _____?

a. Belief alone does not yield good fruit

7 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?"

b. Fruit is the evidence of a _____

8 "Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance,

c. _____ does not make up for a lack of fruit 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.

d. If there is no fruit, the tree has no _____

9 "And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

2. What is _____ Fruit?

10 So the people asked him, saying, "What shall we do then?"

a. Be willing to _____ of possessions and food

11 He answered and said to them, "He who has two tunics, let him give to him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise."

b. Be _____ in Your Actions

12 Then 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 what is appointed for you."

c. Be _____ Where You Are

14 Likewise the soldiers asked him, saying, "And what shall we do?" So he said to them, "Do not intimidate anyone or accuse falsely, and be content with your wages."

3. _____ is _____ for Good Fruit

a. _____, not man, controls these things

15 Now as the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether he was the Christ [or] not, 16 John answered, saying to all, "I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Holy Spirit and Fire Refers to?

- i. Holy Spirit and Judgment (Hell?)
- ii. Indwelling of the Holy Spirit and Holy Spirit at Pentecost?

[Act 2:3-4 NKJV] 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and [one] sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

- iii. Holy Spirit and Judgement of Works for Rewards?

[1Co 3:11-15 NKJV] 11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 Now if anyone builds on this foundation [with] gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, 13 each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. 14 If anyone's work which he has built on [it] endures, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

- b. Christ will discern what is good fruit, and the rest will _____

17 His winnowing fan [is] in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn; but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire."

- c. John not only _____ it, but _____ it out

18 And with many other exhortations he preached to the people. 19 But Herod the tetrarch, being rebuked by him concerning Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, and for all the evils which Herod had done, 20 also added this, above all, that he shut John up in prison.