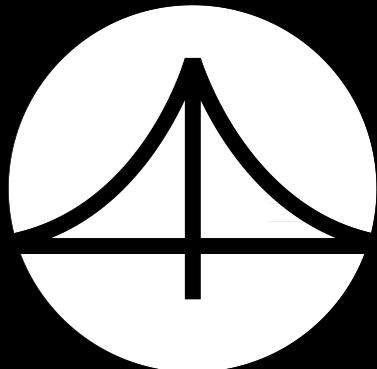


Who Are You? Servant of the King

Luke 3:1-20



A proper understanding of who you are is necessary to live properly in God's world.

No matter who you are, repentance is the proper response to Jesus' coming, and it is demonstrated through generosity

The Call to Repent

- John isn't just a teacher, he's a prophet
- John's message: repent
- Repentance: to turn around or change direction
- What do they (and we) need to repent from?
 - Relying on our own efforts and religious accomplishments for our standing before God
 - Relying on our family heritage for our standing before God

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Reason to Repent

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**‘I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but
that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn
back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will
you die...?’**

– Ezekiel 33:11

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- God wants to save us from judgment, and He warns us of it so we'll feel the urgency to repent
- The proper response is to repent, not to beat yourself up for past failures

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Fruit of Repentance

- Do your job honestly
 - Unless your job is sinful by its nature, it is not a barrier to you serving God
 - God is honored when you do your job well, contribute to society, and provide for your family

Fruit of Repentance

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“Since idolatry diminishes the glory of God, and since humans are made in the image of God, it follows that idolatry is also detrimental to the very essence of our humanity... Idolatry is radical self-harm.”

– Christopher Wright

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 - Idolatry is destructive
 - God calls us to be generous so He can give us life

Fruit of Repentance

- A test: If someone looked at where I've spent my money in the past month or year, where would they think my heart is?
- Generosity is scary, but contagious

