

The Voice!

Luke 3:1-22

I. His “Congregation” (3:1-2, 7)

- A. A world of godless & wicked rulers
- B. A world of sinful & idolatrous people
- C. A world of religious hypocrites

II. His “Cry” (3:3)

- A. Repentance - a change of thinking
- B. Repentance – a change by turning
- C. Repentance – a change in trusting

III. His “Challenge” (3:3)

- A. The baptism of repentance
 - 1. Not the same as our Christian baptism
 - 2. Not the washing away of sin
 - 3. Identification – they were turning from sin and looking forward to the Messiah
 - 4. Testimony – before witnesses
- B. The baptism of the Holy Spirit & fire (3:16-18)
 - 1. Spirit – began at Pentecost & continues with each person who comes to Christ
 - 2. Fire – judgment (3:9, 17; Rev 20:11-15)
- C. The baptism of Christ (3:21-22; Matt 3:13-17)
 - 1. Obedience – the right thing to do
 - 2. Example
 - 3. Testimony – public before witnesses
 - 4. Approval

Application:

- *Proclaim the Word God has given you!
- *Publically confess Christ and be baptized!
- *Please God with your life!