

**Jesus is Son of God and Son of Man:  
"Grace that Brings True Repentance"  
Luke 3:7,8,9**

**<sup>7</sup> So he *began* saying to the crowds who were going out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> Therefore bear fruits in keeping with repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham for our father,' for I say to you that from these stones God is able to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>9</sup> Indeed the axe is already laid at the root of the trees; so every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."**

**Introduction- John the Baptist is the last and great of the Old Testament prophets who preaches with the same power and boldness as Elijah Isaiah 40:3; Malachi 3:1**

**I. Rebuke of Sin 3:7**

**A. Crowds were going out to be baptized by Jesus** *John the Baptist*

**B. John the Baptist preaches with boldness and strong rebuke I Kings 21:1ff**

1. The audience is called a "brood of vipers"
  - a. The crowd is rebuked for sin
  - b. The Pharisees and Saducees are rebuked for empty religion
    1. Legalism
    2. Empty ritual
    3. Religious pride
2. Who warned you of the wrath to come?
  - a. The warnings you have heard in your life
  - b. The coming judgment of God

**II. Repentance from Sin 3:8**

**A. The call to repentance, 'metanoia', a "change of mind" towards sin**

1. Godly sorrow and remorse over sin
2. Commitment to not sin anymore
3. Faith and repentance are given by God by grace Acts 5:31; 11:18

**B. Bear fruits worthy of repentance**

1. The humility of the repentant man
2. The low view of selfish living and prideful pursuits
3. The high view of God

**C. The difference between "godly sorrow" and "worldly sorrow" 2 Cor. 7:10,11**

1. Saul's worldly sorrow and false repentance I Samuel 15
2. David's godly sorrow that lead to true repentance and life Psalm 51

**III. Wrath Because of Sin 3:9**

**A. Judgment is near**

**B. God is the perfect judge who brings justice upon sinners**