



Rhythm OF WORSHIP

A W O R S H I P L E A D E R ' S

Weekly Devotional

Monday Oct. 28 - Sunday Nov. 3, 2019

Repentance & Baptism

Theme for Sunday

“In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene—during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son...” (click on the green verse below for entire Scripture)

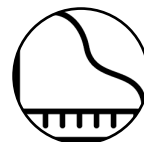
Luke
3:1-20

In John’s culture, baptism had one primary significance. It was what a proselyte had to go through to become Jewish. The idea that John is calling Jews to be baptized then, was basically like saying, “Your Jewish-ness does not make you right with God.” The people needed a change of heart. They needed repentance and ultimately, a savior. What this also meant was that salvation was not only available for Jews, but for Gentiles as well; all people covered by the Messiah.

Our repentance and forgiveness of sins enables us to have compassion. John’s response in verses 11-14 are centered around fairness and kindness. Both are results of repentant hearts and being renewed by the Spirit of God.

Reflections

- * What do I need to repent of this week?
- * What feels too heavy to carry this week?
- * Do I live in the freedom that comes with being forgiven? Or do I hold on to “big” sins that I am ashamed of?
- * If I could extend compassion and forgiveness to someone this week, perhaps someone who has hurt me, I would extend it to...
- * Colossians 4 says to pray with an attitude of thanksgiving and to be “alert” during prayer. Can I put this to good practice this week?



Prayer

O GOD OF GRACE,

Thou hast imputed my sin to my substitute,
and hast imputed his righteousness to my soul,
clothing me with a bridegroom's robe,
decking me with jewels of holiness.

But in my Christian walk I am still in rags;
my best prayers are stained with sin;
my penitential tears are so much impurity;
my confessions of wrong are so many aggravations of sin;
my receiving the Spirit is tainted with selfishness.

I need to repent of my repentance;
I need my tears to be washed;
I have no robe to bring to cover my sins,
no loom to weave my own righteousness;
I am always standing clothed in filthy garments,
and by grace am always receiving change of raiment,
for thou dost always justify the ungodly;

I am always going into the far country,
and always returning home as a prodigal,
always saying, Father, forgive me,
and thou art always bringing forth the best robe.
Every morning let me wear it,
every evening return in it,
go out to the day's work in it, be married in it,
be wound in death in it,
stand before the great white throne in it,
enter heaven in it shining as the sun.

Grant me never to lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin,
the exceeding righteousness of salvation,
the exceeding glory of Christ,
the exceeding beauty of holiness,
the exceeding wonder of grace.

taken from "The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers and Devotions"

SONGS AND ART

1. HIGH ABOVE

"The light has come, the King has come"

2. YES I WILL

"I choose to praise"

3. KING OF MY HEART

"the fire inside my veins"

4. DO IT AGAIN

"And I believe, I'll see You do it again"

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"Repentance and Mercy" by Ain Vares

