



Read Matthew 3

Matthew 3:1-2 NASB: Now in those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, ¹"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

We must repent and change our way of thinking! We are children of God! Our identity is in Him and His Kingdom and nothing else!

Matthew 3:3 NASB For this is the one referred to by Isaiah the prophet when he said, "THE VOICE OF ONE CRYING IN THE WILDERNESS, 'MAKE READY THE WAY OF THE LORD, MAKE HIS PATHS STRAIGHT!'"

We need to make our ways straight and clear for Jesus to enter our lives!

1 Corinthians 15:34 NASB: Become sober-minded as you ought, and stop sinning; for some have no knowledge of God. I speak *this* to your shame.

1 John 3:6-7 NASB: No one who abides in Him sins; no one who sins has seen Him or knows Him. ⁷ Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one WHO PRACTICES righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.

We must purpose ourselves to identify and kick out sin by the supernatural power of God that He has given us!

Matthew 3:10 NASB: ¹⁰ The axe is already laid at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

We must be bearing fruit! That's a sign of *true* repentance! We're not just okay because we're born again and go to church!

Matthew 3:11 NASB: "As for me, I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Ask for Jesus to baptize you with the Holy Spirit, *and* ask for Him to baptize you with fire!

Matthew 3:16 NASB: After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove *and* lighting on Him,

Now that Jesus prayed and the heavens opened, you pray from a position knowing that God will not withhold ANY good thing from you!