**THE FRUIT OF REPENTANCE**

**(Luke 3:1-38)**

**February 28, 2021**

**I. GOD'S WORD HAD COME (Luke 3:1-2)**

 **A. Silence From Heaven**

 **B. Overwhelmed By Darkness**

 **C. Light For This Darkness (I John 1:4-9)**

**II. GOD'S WORD WAS PROCLAIMED (Luke 3:3-14)**

 **A. Calling For Repentance (Luke 3:3; Matthew 3:6)**

 **B. Preparing For Forgiveness (Luke 3:4-6; Isaiah 40:3-5)**

 **C. Confronting False Repentance (Luke 3:7-9; Matthew 3:7-10)**

 **D. Teaching The New Life (Luke 3:10-14; Matthew 22:37-40)**

**III. GOD'S WORD IS RECOGNIZED (Luke 3:15-38; John 1:1-18)**

 **A. Contrasting Roles (Luke 3:15-20)**

 **1. The Chosen Messenger**

 **2. The Chosen Deliverer**

 **B. God's Full Grace (Luke 3:21-38)**

 **1. Jesus Identified With Sinners**

 **2. Jesus Identified With God's Blessing (Genesis 12:1-3)**

**APPLICATION**

**1. Don't be overwhelmed by the darkness of this world. The light of Christ**

 **penetrates this darkness and offers lasting hope and eternal life. Walk by**

 **faith as you obey God and help others see this hope in Jesus.**

**2. We are now God's messengers who must prepare the way for the Good**

 **News. Live like the Gospel is real. Do this by loving your brother and**

 **sister in Christ and loving the nonbeliever. Don't be a hindrance with your**

 **attitude, speech, or behavior. Be the blessing God intends for his disciples**

 **to be.**

**3. True repentance is the pathway to forgiveness. Without repenting to God**

 **or others, we fail to repair the damage we have done and harmony cannot**

 **be restored to the relationship. Refusing to repent or forgive is a sinful act**

 **of selfish pride. Humble repentance and forgiveness reveals the Father, the**

 **one we claim to love and honor.**

**Next Week: Luke 4:1-30**