



## Unwrapping repentance and baptism.

Matthew 3

### The victorious Christian life is a series of new beginnings.

#### Matthew 3:1-17

v.8 **Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.**

**Repentance: a change of \_\_\_\_\_ which causes a change in \_\_\_\_\_ . ..a turning *from* and a turning *to*.**

#### Repentance involves:

##### i) **Turn from:**

- \* \_\_\_\_\_ (agreement) I John 1:9
- \* \_\_\_\_\_ over sin
- \* \_\_\_\_\_

**Ephesians 4:28** He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.

##### ii) **Turn to:** Change, conversion

\* \_\_\_\_\_ **Part** through the Holy Spirit

**Philippians 2:13** for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

\* \_\_\_\_\_ **Part: obedience**

**Romans 13:14** Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

#### Baptism:

- \*Refusing dependence on \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ religious heritage
- \*Refusing \_\_\_\_\_ righteousness
- \*Refusing worldly success
- \*Relying on the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

#### My next steps:

\*what do I need to turn from? Have I been baptised?



1. Why is it significant that John's first command had to do with repentance?
2. What is the difference between regretful confession and true repentance?
3. How are some church attenders similar to the Jews who counted on family heritage for salvation?
4. How would you counsel someone who professes Christ but shows no marks of repentance?
5. How did the arrival of the kingdom point to the nearness of both salvation and judgment?
6. How are all three members of the Trinity present in Matthew 3:15-17?
7. Why was Jesus baptized if He had no sin?
8. What is the difference between resolving to be good before salvation and resolving to obey God after salvation?