

Sermon Series: Epiphany

Sermon Text: Luke 3:1-22 God's Witness

God summons people to His Kingdom through His messengers in the power of His Spirit.

1) God's witness—His messenger (3:1-20)

- a) A hostile world (3:1-2, 19-20)
- b) A summons to surrender to God's authority (3:3-18)
 - i) Repentance implies covenant (v. 3)
 - ii) Scriptural testimony (vv. 4-6)
 - iii) Root and Fruit change (vv. 7-14)
 - iv) God's Authority in Christ (vv. 15-17)
 - v) Persistent witness (v. 18)
- c) **Application:** Some Principles for Personal Evangelism
 - i) Gospel of the Kingdom from Creation to New Creation
 - ii) Authority of the Bible
 - iii) The Good News of Real Change
 - iv) Faithfulness

2) God's witness—His Spirit (3:21-22)

- a) The unity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in salvation
 - i) Jesus—being baptized and praying
 - ii) Holy Spirit descending on Jesus in form of a dove
 - iii) Father testifying to Jesus' Divine Sonship and mission
- b) **Application:** The Foundation for Personal Evangelism
 - i) God is the ultimate evangelist.
 - ii) Our confidence as witnesses comes from God's sovereignty in the salvation of sinners.

Doxology: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every Spiritual blessing in the heavenly places! (Ephesians 1:3)