

**“Evidence of True Repentance”**

**Matthew 3:7-12**

January 28, 2024

**1. The Lack of True Repentance Unmasked – 7**

**2. The Evidence of True Repentance – 8**

**3. The Excuse for the Lack of True Repentance – 9**

**4. The Consequences of the Lack of True Repentance – 10-12**

*Next week: 1 Corinthians 9:1-12*

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## Discussion Questions

The following questions are designed to be used by parents in discussing the sermon with their children, but can be used by anyone in discussing the sermon with others.

1. What stood out to you in this sermon? Why?
2. Both John the Baptist and Jesus began their message with what word?
3. What are 3 elements of repentance?
4. What was wrong with the Pharisees belief about the “Oral Law”?
5. Why did John call the Pharisees and Sadducees a “brood of vipers”?
6. Why should we expect to see evidence of repentance?
7. What is the significance of Jesus baptizing “with the Holy Spirit”?
8. What is the significance of Jesus baptizing “with fire”?

### Going Deeper:

These questions are designed for the believer to use in prayer with his/her Lord, and in discussion with brothers and sisters in the Lord:

1. How did this sermon challenge your thinking or grow your understanding?
2. Do you act like the Pharisees in that you give the appearance of being religious but with no change in your heart?
3. Do you exhibit “fruit of repentance”? Is their evidence that your life is “under new management”?
4. Is there any sin in your life that you think you can get away with?
5. Have you been baptized “in, with, and by” the Holy Spirit?
6. Give examples of what the “fruit of repentance” looks like in your life?
7. Do you see any of the examples of the “fruit of repentance” mentioned in the sermon in your life? Which one(s)?
8. If you are a believer, do you continue to have a heart of repentance?