

Hey John, Are You The Messiah? Pt. 2

Luke 3:15-20

Continued... "Earmarks of The Messiah"

IV. John, in drawing a line, showing the difference between himself and Jesus, continues to describe the things that the true Messiah will do, both now and in the future, which John (mankind) can never do...

1. "Baptize with The Holy Spirit and Fire"

a. "Holy Spirit"- ref. to the sinner, when fully placing their trust in Christ as their Savior, upon receiving Him, becomes the _____ or residence of the Spirit. (John 14:16-17)

- i. 1 Cor. 3:16- the "you" is _____, meaning "the church as a whole"
- ii. 1 Cor. 6:19- the "you" is singular, referring to the "_____ believer". So, every act of sin, whatever kind, then, is seen as committed in the inner sanctuary, the holy of holies, where God dwells. In the OT the high priest only went in there once a year, and only after extensive cleansing, lest he be killed (Lev. 16).

iii. The Spirit's work:

1. He Causes your soul to be "_____ again" (John 3:5-8; Titus 3:5)
2. He guides & _____ (Jn. 14:26)
3. He _____ us (Acts 9:31)
4. He convicts of sin (Jn. 16:8)
5. Helps us _____ better (Rom. 8:26)
6. Empowers us to witness (Acts 1:8)

iv. Our Job w/ The Spirit:

1. Honor God with your body/ _____ (Rom. 12:1; 1 Cor. 16:13)
2. By not grieving Him with _____, in general (Eph. 4:25-32; Gal. 5:17)
3. Take heed to His nudgings

b. "Fire"- Some scholars believe in the possibility of this word having to do with God's purging power to cleanse His people

from sin. However, due to the context here, it is most likely ref. to the "Fire" of _____ judgment of the unbelieving world.

2. ,, "will thoroughly clear His threshing floor, and gather the wheat into His barn, but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." *Explan. It comes from the age-old practice where farmers would separate the wheat from chaff (Chaff is the husk around a seed which was not eaten).*

- a. So, the spiritual point here: The world-wide church today is a _____ body of believers and unbelievers, holy and unholy, converted & unconverted, in every congregation, often side by side. Although some churches have a majority of true converts, there are still "tares among the wheat". Even the most shrewd and wise of pastors/ strong Christians will not have the character or ability to discern each and every case. Thus, the facts of who's really who will _____ escape the Lord's judgment at the end.
- b. After judgment, the righteous will be gathered into a place of happiness and safety, while the wicked, cast down to eternal shame & torment. I.e., on that great _____ day, everyone will go to their rightful place.
- c. For anyone who is caught as a true "unbeliever" on that day, they will quickly realize that, once judged, that state will be _____ (Luke 16:26).
- d. For those who are God's true children, the ultimate reward is not in this life or this world. Thus, all true servants of Christ must be _____ to wait for their ultimate paycheck- their best things are yet to come!
- e. Born-again believers are also not to be surprised if they meet with _____ treatment by some in this life. The world, which persecuted Christ, will never hesitate to persecute Christians. "Do not be surprised, brothers, if the world hates you." (1 John 3:13)
- f. We take comfort that the Lord has _____ an amazing place for us... (JC Ryle quote...)

3. John then arrested after calling Herod on his adultery...