



My LIFE...His Way

Luke 3:7-18

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I. HIS WAY REQUIRES CHANGE IN MIND

- A. John told the *multitudes* to repent. Repentance means to change the *will* in reference to *sir*; it is a change of the mind resulting in a change of action (vv.7-9).
- B. We learn that the principle of “*fruitful repentance*” is to be applied prior to and after becoming a child of God (Acts 3:19; 8:14-24).

II. HIS WAY REQUIRES CHANGE IN PERSPECTIVE

- A. The *people* come to John and want to know what to do. His answer challenged their perspective or outlook on life (vv.10-11).
- B. We learn that “*extra mile religion*” is to be understood prior to and after becoming a child of God (Mt.5:38-42; Phil.2:1-4).

III. HIS WAY REQUIRES CHANGE IN ACTIONS

- A. Both *tax collectors* and *soldiers* came to John requesting baptism. He basically told them to stop stealing, provoking others, lying, and to be content with what they have (vv.12-14; cf.9).
- B. We learn that “*integrity*” is to begin its work in one’s life prior to and after becoming a child of God (Eph.4:28; Gal.6:7-8).

IV. HIS WAY REQUIRES CHANGE IN RELATIONS

- A. The *people* were confused about who they were to follow. “Is he the Christ,” they reasoned (v.15; cf. Jn.1:19-30. 35-42).
- B. We learn that “*full submission to Christ*” is to be settled prior to and after becoming a child of God (Mt.6:24; 2 Cor.6:14-16; Eph.5:6-7).

V. HIS WAY REQUIRES CHANGE IN PURPOSE

- A. John responded to *all* by moving their attention away from himself and towards Jesus (vv.16-18; cf.vv.4-6, 8a, 9b).
- B. We learn that the principle of “*cross bearing*” needs to be submitted to prior to and after becoming a child of God (Lk.9:23; Gal.2:20).