

Living a Christ-Centered Life

LESSON 3: Living a Life Centered on Salvation

Read Luke 3 and write a brief overview:

Questions to consider:

1. One you have been saved, how often do you think about your salvation? Or do you?
2. What causes you to think about it? Thanks? Doubt? Opportunities to teach?
3. How much of Christianity is centered on salvation matters?

What do the following excerpts from Luke 3 teach about a life centered on salvation?

v.3 Preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

v.6 All mankind will see God's salvation.

v.8a Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.

v.8b Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.

v.9 The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

v.10 "What should we do then?" (11) share; (13) "Don't collect any more than you are required; (14) "Don't extort money and don't accuse people falsely; be content with your pay."

v.16-17 John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

v. 21 When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too.

Principles to live by from Luke 3:

1. Salvation is everything. It's what John came for; what Jesus died for; and we live for.
2. A Christ-centered life is a salvation centered-life. *Do not neglect your salvation.*

Summarize what Luke 3 taught you about living the Christ-centered life.