

## “The Ministry of John the Baptist” Pt.4 (Matthew 3:13-17; Luke 3:18-23)

### I. The Ministry of John the Baptist

#### A. The Uniqueness of John the Baptist

##### 1. The Uniqueness of his \_\_\_\_\_

\* He has two tasks:

a. To \_\_\_\_\_ the people for the Messiah;

b. To \_\_\_\_\_ the Messiah to the people.

##### 2. The Uniqueness of his \_\_\_\_\_

\* What was his message?

\***Repentance** is a condition for salvation which specifically involves a \_\_\_\_\_ about anything that you originally thought could save you, and instead \_\_\_\_\_ becomes the sole \_\_\_\_\_ of your faith.

##### 3. The Uniqueness of his \_\_\_\_\_

\*The Lord would \_\_\_\_\_ Israel as a fruitless tree unless the Jews \_\_\_\_\_ and started bearing “the \_\_\_\_\_ of repentance.” (v. 9, cf. 6:43-45; 13:6-9; Isa. 5:1-7; 10:33-34; 66:24; Mal. 4:1)

\* What is the baptism of the Holy Spirit?

\* What is the baptism of fire?

##### 4. The Uniqueness of the \_\_\_\_\_

\* The baptism of Jesus Christ served as a public \_\_\_\_\_ that He was the anticipated Promised \_\_\_\_\_

\* This event in the life of Christ marks the \_\_\_\_\_ of His public earthly ministry.

\* When Jesus came to John for baptism, John immediately tried to \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ Him.

\*What did John recognize about Jesus?

John recognized the \_\_\_\_\_ of the One who presented Himself for baptism.

7 Baptisms in scripture:

\* Why was Jesus baptized by John? (6 reasons)

1) To \_\_\_\_\_ all righteousness (Mt 3:15)

2) To be identified with John's \_\_\_\_\_ - the Promised \_\_\_\_\_ is at hand (Mt. 3:1-2).

3) To be an official \_\_\_\_\_ to the people that this is the \_\_\_\_\_.

4) To identify Himself with the \_\_\_\_\_ remnant in Israel.

5) To identify Himself with \_\_\_\_\_ whom He came to save (2 Cor. 5:21).

6) To be \_\_\_\_\_ by the Holy Spirit of God to fulfill the functions of the messianic office (Acts 10:48)

\* Jesus then received \_\_\_\_\_ from His Father

\* What does this mean to you?