

JOHN'S MESSAGE

Luke 1:76-78

Intro – Zacharius spoke about what his son John would do. He would prepare people to receive Christ as their Savior.

I. By teaching them about repentance. Luke 3:3-4

- A. He would teach them to have the attitude of the righteous. Lk. 1:17
- B. The difference between the attitude of the righteous vs the attitude of the self-righteous.
 - 1. I don't need to confess because I don't sin vs, I sin in thought word and deed every day. 1Tim. 1:15
 - 2. Don't need to say sorry because I'm never wrong vs, have I offended you? Ph. 3:12-15
 - 3. I'm not like those sinners vs, search me O God. Lk. 18:11, Ps. 139:23
 - 4. Pride vs humility. Phil. 2:8, Ph. 2:3

II. By teaching them about hope.

- A. He knew Jesus would save them. Jn. 1:29
- B. We see this same hope in Simeon. Lk. 2:25, 29-32

III. What does it mean for us?

- A. We have hope through salvation. Titus 2:11, 1Thess. 4:13
- B. Because God is faithful. Heb. 10:23
- C. He keeps His promises. Rom. 10:9, 1John 1:9,
- D. We need to share this hope with others. 1Pet. 3:15

Con. Has God's grace worked repentance in your heart? He wants you to have the hope that all believers have.