

# WELCOME TO STRONGSVILLE: Religious Repentance

LUKE 3:7-14

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## A Plan for Rescuing Religious People:

1. Hear the **Call** of Religious Repentance (7-9).
2. Feel the **Necessity** of Religious Repentance (9-10).
3. Embrace the **Lifestyle** of Religious Repentance (11-14).

### Luke 3:7-14 (ESV)

*“He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? **8** Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.*

***9** Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”*

***10** And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?”*

***11** And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” **12** Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” **13** And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” **14** Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”*

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### APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. **Read 2 Corinthians 13:5 & Philippians 2:12.** How can a Christian test himself to be sure that he is in the faith? Should we really test to be sure that we're truly born again? Is that a scriptural practice?
2. **Read Titus 1:16.** If someone is chronically caught up in sin, is it wrong or loving to question the reality of their salvation? Why or why not?
3. **Read 1 John 3:1-10.** All who are saved are also sanctified, they grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. In other words, real Christians over a lifetime become "Christlike" (vv.3-10). How have you seen this in your own life result in a "practice of righteousness" (vv.7, 10)?
4. Why are so many Christian businessmen dishonest at work? Is it wrong to expect them to be different than their competitors in the workplace? Why or why not? By calling for this standard of holiness might we be labeled as legalistic?
5. In **Ezekiel 33:29-33**, God compares the people listening to a sermon as those who hear a musical performance. What are you doing each week to not let the sermon be a performance for entertainment?

#### ***Quote for the Week. . .*** by Voddie Baucham



*"True repentance is the result of an accurate understanding of the significance and gravity of sin, coupled with an overwhelming desire for the remission of that sin through the person and work of Christ and turning from sin and dead works to faith and obedience."*