

# SERMON REFLECTIONS

## Producing Fruit in Keeping With Our Repentance and Faith

Matthew 3 | 4 July 2021

Reflecting on our faith; ways to live out biblical truths we have learnt:

1. John the Baptist calls those who came to him to repent for the kingdom of heaven is near. Biblical repentance is to admit and turn away from one's sins, and go toward Christ to be forgiven. Giving up deliberate sins, and the desire to give up sins is a result of genuine Biblical repentance.

In Luke 3:1-18 (similar passage to Matthew 3), what did John exhort those who came to him to repent, and to act in faith instead, so as to produce spiritual fruit?

What could Christians today repent, and in what ways can we act in faith instead, so as to produce fruit in keeping with repentance and our faith in Christ?

2. Matthew 3:10 "The axe 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."

Romans 10:9 "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

Are these 2 verses contradicting each other – the former says producing good fruit is necessary in order not to be thrown in the fire, while the latter verse clearly teaches that one is saved by one's belief in the heart

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### Our Vision

To be disciples of Jesus Christ

### Our Mission

We exist to make disciples who love God, love one another and love the lost



and one's confession with the mouth that Jesus is Lord and that God raised Him from the dead.

If we don't think these 2 verses are contradicting each other, what do they show us about God's will, and how then should we live our Christian lives in view of these verses?

3. For some Christians, there is no fruit of righteousness because there is no true repentance because there is:

- a. No fear of God
- b. No faith in accordance to God's word
- c. No fervour to do the will of God

What would the life of a disciple of Christ look like (at home, in church, at the workplace, in society) to have the fear of God, to live by faith in accordance to God's word and to be fervent to do God's will?