



The Commencement of the Ministry of Jesus

What Did This Baptism Mean to the Jewish People?

"The voice of one crying in the wilderness..."

"You brood of VIPERS..."

"The creation and maintenance of human government under God must not lead to an uncritical endorsement of the policies and practices of that government, no matter what political form it might take.

For government by the ungodly... is hostile to the purposes of God."

Zuck, Roy, A Biblical Theology of the Old Testament "Ezekial and Daniel" p.392

"I baptize you with water ...

I am unfit to tie his sandals..."

John 1:19-28 This is the testimony of John
... the Jews sent priests and
Levites from Jerusalem
"Who are you?"

They had been sent from the Pharisees...
"Why are you baptizing?"

"He will baptize you with the *Holy Spirit*...

He will baptize you with *Fire*..."

## Repent!

A Baptism of Repentance

Not just Repentant—
but Expectant (Lu 3:15)
Baptized and Consecrated to a
Great Hope

Is. 51:11 So the ransomed of the LORD will return (repent) and come with joyful shouting to Zion, with everlasting joy on their heads. They will obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

## HOW Can I CHANGE!

## Changed Heart—Changed Life

The Crowds: "What shall we DO?"

The Tax Gatherers: "What shall WE do?"

The Soldiers: "And what about US?"

The Leaders did not even ask...

## CHANGE! Know Repentance-Know Salvation No Repentance-No Salvation

1 Thess 1:8-10 ...in every place your faith toward God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything. For they themselves report about us what kind of a reception we had with you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven

