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“More Than Repentance”

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. (John 10:10 ESV)

TO START WITH

Mark 1:4 John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

I. There is no _____ in repentance .

Mark 1:4 "John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness (desert), preaching a baptism [obligating] repentance – [that is] a change of one's mind for the better and heartily to amend one's ways with the abhorrence of his past sins in order to obtain forgiveness of and release from sins." (Amplified Version)

TO GROW WITH

Mark 1:5-6 - (5) And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. (6) Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey.

II. The victorious life can be _____ to the untrained eye.

Mark 1:7-8 - (7) And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. (8) I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

II. A. John preached repentance, but Jesus gives us _____!

Mark 1:9-11 - (9) In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. (10) And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. (11) And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

II. B. Victorious living doesn't look victorious to us until we have reached the point that we are living in _____ with the Word of God.

TO LIVE BY

Mark 1:12-13 - (12) The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. (13) And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

III. The benefit of a victorious life is _____.

(ESV unless otherwise noted)