

INTRODUCTION:

A. THE PERSON OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

- ▶ JOHN'S COMING FORETOLD
- ▶ JOHN'S BIRTH
- ▶ JOHN'S CALL
- ▶ JOHN'S DESCRIPTION

B. THE MINISTRY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

- ▶ JOHN'S MINISTRY INVOLVED PREACHING

SEVEN REASONS WHY THE DOCTRINE OF REPENTANCE IS IMPORTANT

1. John the Baptist began his public ministry calling men to repent - Matthew 3:2
2. Jesus began His public ministry calling men to repent - Matthew 4:17
3. Jesus commanded His disciples to preach repentance - Luke 6:12
4. Before Jesus ascended back to Heaven He commissioned His followers to evangelize the world by preaching repentance - Luke 24:36-53
5. The Apostles preached repentance:
Peter - Acts 2:38
Paul - Acts 20:20-21
6. God's command to all men everywhere to repent is the same - Acts 17:30
7. Failure to heed God's call to repentance can only mean one thing - eternal damnation - Luke 13:1

- ▶ JOHN'S MINISTRY INVOLVED BAPTIZING

SEVEN DIFFERENT BAPTISMS

DRY - REAL BAPTISMS

1. The Baptism of _____ - 1 Corinthians 10:3
2. The Baptism of the _____ - Matthew 20:22
3. The Baptism of The _____ - Acts 1:5 1 Corinthians 12:13, Eph 4:5
4. The Baptism of _____ - Matthew 3:11

WET - RITUAL BAPTISMS

5. The Baptism of _____ - Matthew 3
6. The Baptism of _____ - Matthew 3
7. The Baptism of _____ - Acts 2:38

C. THE _____ OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

1. THE _____ OF THE MESSAGE

2. THE _____ OF THE MESSAGE

▶ JOHN 1:29

▶ JOHN 3:30

▶ MATTHEW 3:2

▶ ACTS 19:4

3. THE _____ OF THE MESSAGE - Matthew 3:3

▶ *Prepare the way of the LORD* - _____ TENSE

▶ *Make His paths straight* - _____ TENSE

4. THE _____ OF THE MESSAGE

▶ The plain truth concerning _____

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CONCLUSION: