

## Sermon Notes

### *Insights from Luke*

#7 – “It’s All About Jesus” – Luke 3:15-22

#### I. Introduction

A. Pastor Don’s first employment with a boss.

1. Lawn cutting
2. Later – a stock boy
  - a. Interview: “Young man, what are you all about?”

B. What are we all about?

1. It all comes down to Christ. It’s all about Him.

C. Today’s text – Luke 3:15-22

#### II. Exposition

A. Luke 3:15

1. “State of Expectation”
  - a. People were talking about John
  - b. Christ – means Messiah
  - c. Notation about John
    1. Luke 20:6; Matt. 11:11; John 1:6-8; 1:19-20

B. Luke 3:16

1. John’s selfless response
2. Note contrast between his baptism and Jesus’ baptism.
  - a. His baptism was an outward sign of an inward cleansing.
  - b. Jesus would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire.
  - c. John could call people to repentance and could wash them with water, but he could not change them from the inside out.
3. What does the Spirit do?
  - a. A \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. R \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. S \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. S \_\_\_\_\_

4. “Not worthy to untie sandal.”

- a. Note John’s lowliness – not the Christ and not worthy to be His slave.

5. Jesus’ baptism of fire.

1. Only God does the inward – Acts 2:2-4
2. This is not a second work of grace or second baptism.
  - a. Without the baptism of the Holy Spirit no one would become a Christian.
  - b. Titus 3:5

C. Luke 3:17

1. Fire also indicates judgment.
  - a. Winnowing fork – Ps. 1:4-6; Matt. 13:24-30
  - b. Final judgment is in view.

D. Luke 3:18

1. “Preached the gospel”
  - a. Repentance was attached to the gospel from the beginning. -- Luke 3:8

E. Luke 3:19-20

1. Herod Antipas, a potentate over the Jewish People with no Jewish parents.
2. John called out his sin.

F. Luke 3:21-23

1. If Jesus was sinless, why did he need to be baptized?  
I \_\_\_\_\_ with S \_\_\_\_\_ their need for  
F \_\_\_\_\_ -- Isaiah 53:12.
2. Note further the Trinity in view.
  - a. Thomas Goodwin.

#### III. Points for Reflection

- A. Being a Christian is synonymous with being a servant.
- B. Be Advised. A false profession of faith will not stand up to the fire of God’s judgment as executed by Christ.
- C. Preaching the true gospel will always put you on the wrong side of the unbelieving.
- D. We are often admonished to identify with Christ, but isn’t it comforting to remember that Christ first identified with us?