

## WELCOME TO THE SNAKE PIT

*Luke 3.1-18*

In introducing Jesus, Luke reveals a grown-up John the Baptist roaming the countryside preaching the good news and preparing people's hearts for the arrival of the Messiah.

**The Warning:** God will indeed bring rescue and salvation, but also judgment. v. 7, 9, 17

1. A ritualized faith is not enough, act like a **FOLLOWER** of **JESUS**

*...produce fruit in keeping with repentance... v. 8*

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*

Galatians 5.22-23

2. Don't **REST** on your Christian **LAURELS**.

*And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' v. 8*

*"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?'*

*Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'*

Matthew 7.21-23

3. When God blesses you **SHARE WITH OTHERS**. v. 11

4. Live with **GRATITUDE** and whatever you do **ACT LIKE JESUS**. v. 12-14

*And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3.17*

**The Waiting:** When is God going to help me out?

*The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. v. 15*

**The Wondering:** Is what I am confronted with right now worth it?

**The Words of Exhortation:** What am I going to do next?

*And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them. v. 18*

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**What is God saying to me?**

**What am I going to do about it?**

**Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!**

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