

HEAR – Luke 3

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Highlight:

Luke 3:16

"John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Explain:

The people listening to John the Baptist's powerful preaching began to wonder if John was the Messiah. John quickly corrected them, letting them know that he was merely a messenger "preparing the way for the Lord".

John told the people that the powerful Messiah will soon come, and that he will not baptize with water, but with fire and the Holy Spirit.

I think being baptized by the Holy Spirit means for the Spirit to come and dwell within someone, for the Holy Spirit to make his home in us and to begin guiding us, moving through us, and displaying his power in us.

Apply:

I want to have an attitude every day of inviting the Holy Spirit to live in me. Get in the habit of starting each morning by praying and asking God to give me his power and presence. Tell my discipler about this so he can keep me accountable to doing this.

Respond:

Lord thank you for giving us your Holy Spirit. I want to have power from you and to have the fire Jesus promised. Please live in me today and convict me of the ways I ignore or forget you. Thank you Lord,

Amen.