

**Valley Bible Church**  
**Sermon Notes for October 23, 1983**

**True Repentance or Else**  
**Part 2**  
**Matthew 3:7-12**  
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1. Baptism of the Son

- a. Jesus arrived from Galilee, about 60 miles away.
- b. Coming to John, the one who was to prepare the way. The baptism of John was very different from Christian baptism. It was a baptism associated with sinfulness, a preparation for the millennial kingdom.
- c. John tries to prevent Jesus from being baptized, seeing Him as sinless. Jesus commands that he permit it.
- d. Jesus was baptized to identify Himself with sinners.

2. Arrival of the Spirit

Behold, the heavens were opened. The glory of God's heaven were visible. The Spirit of God descended as a dove. (Dove is a picture of sacrifice atoning for sin.)

3. Word of the Father

A voice out of the heavens saying, **“this is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”**

We should all desire these words from the Father.

As Jesus was willing to lay down His life for us, we should be willing to lay our lives down for Him. **Romans 12:1**