



# The HARSH *but* GOOD NEWS

The Gospel's Assault on the Egocentric

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

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**15** As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, **16** John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

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**21** Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, **22** and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (ESV)

1. Be \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.15-16a)

2. Be \_\_\_\_\_ (v.16b)

3. Be \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.21-22)

# Application Questions

*These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.*

1. Read **Isaiah 14:12-14**. In what subtle ways are we all tempted to imitate this archetypal sin?
2. Read **Revelation 5:9-14**. How should this scene and its participants' clarity regarding the power and authority of Christ alter the way you think of him, as well as the way you think of yourself?
3. Read **Philippians 3:4-9**. How does this perspective safeguard us from self-promotion or pride about the fact that Christians are forgiven and accepted by God?
4. Read **James 3:13-18**. How would you respond to someone who says that humility is a weakness that "will not work" in our modern world?
5. Read **Proverbs 29:23**. What practical steps can you take to be mindful of the importance of keeping yourself in perspective?

## **The CBC Bible Reading Schedule for this Week:**

Go to [ESV.org](http://ESV.org) (Reading Plans: Through the Bible) for schedule prompts.

### **February 17<sup>th</sup>**

*Lev.24-25 & Mk.1:23-45*

### **February 18<sup>th</sup>**

*Lev.26-27 & Mk.2*

### **February 19<sup>th</sup>**

*Num.1-2 & Mk.3:1-21*

### **February 20<sup>th</sup>**

*Num.3-4 & Mk.3:22-35*

### **February 21<sup>st</sup>**

*Num.5-6 & Mk.4:1-20*

### **February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

*Num.7 & Mk.4:21-41*

### **February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

*Num.8-10 & Mk.5:1-20*

### **February 24<sup>th</sup>**

*Num.11-13 & Mk.5:21-43*

*The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website ([FocalPointMinistries.org](http://FocalPointMinistries.org)).*

Msg. # 12-34 – **Mary: God's Humble Teenager**

Msg. # 11-03 – **Sold-Out Servants: Serving without Pride**

Msg. # 09-09 – **Reading Scripture in Light of Redemption**

Msg. # 12-61 – **The Role of the Church in the Christian Life: Baptism**

Msg. # 10-51 – 10-61 – **Christology** (a twelve-part series on the person & work of Christ)

*Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.*

Adams, Jay. **The Biblical View of Self-Esteem, Self-Love & Self-Image**. Harvest House, 1986.

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Malone, Fred A. **A String of Pearls Unstrung: A Theological Journey Into Believers' Baptism**. Founders Press, 1998.

Murray, Andrew. **Humility: The Journey Toward Holiness**. Bethany House, 2001.

Owen, John. **The Glory of Christ**. Reprint. Christian Heritage, 2005.

Rydellnik, Michael. **The Messianic Hope: Is the Hebrew Bible Really Messianic?** B & H, 2010.

Schreiner, Thomas, ed. **Believer's Baptism: Sign of the New Covenant in Christ**. B & H Academic, 2006.

Scott, Stuart. **From Pride to Humility: A Biblical Perspective**. Focus Publishers, 2003.

Unger, Merrill F. **The Baptism & Gifts of the Holy Spirit**. Moody Press, 1974.

Waymeyer, Matt. **A Biblical Critique of Infant Baptism**. Kress Christian Publications, 2008.

Whitney, Donald. **Spiritual Disciplines Within the Church: Participating Fully in the Body of Christ**. Moody, 1996.