

January 7, 2018  
**“Spiritually Prepared”**  
**(Mark 1:4-11)**

Today we are celebrating the \_\_\_\_\_ of our Lord.

According to customs of the day, Gentile converts had to do 3 things:

- 1 – A male had to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 – A \_\_\_\_\_ had to made as payment for sin.
- 3 – The convert had to be \_\_\_\_\_.

Most people don’t know what repentance really means. Repentance is a \_\_\_\_\_ in direction.

John’s ministry was designed to help people prepare \_\_\_\_\_ for the coming of Christ.

When we come for baptism, we understand that it is not the \_\_\_\_\_ of the process; it is the \_\_\_\_\_.

The best reason for being baptized is to \_\_\_\_\_ Christ into your life and to \_\_\_\_\_ yourself to following him!

**This is why \_\_\_\_\_ is a necessary element of baptism.**

Our faults, by definition, are thoughts and \_\_\_\_\_ that keep us from being all God means for us to be.

There are some things you need to let \_\_\_\_\_ of when you profess faith in Christ. \_\_\_\_\_ is just one of them.

**Repentance isn’t something that we do for \_\_\_\_\_. Repentance is something God does for \_\_\_\_\_.**

Our repentance does nothing to enhance God’s life. \_\_\_\_\_ is entirely for our \_\_\_\_\_.

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We need to \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves completely over to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, and let the Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ us of ALL unrighteousness, and purify our hearts to live clean and holy lives before Him!

Like garbage, the effects of sinful \_\_\_\_\_ have a way of accumulating beyond our plans and beyond our \_\_\_\_\_.

**The worse thing about sin is what it does to our \_\_\_\_\_ with God.**

Our lives can careen treacherously out of control to the point that God no longer sees His \_\_\_\_\_ in our souls.

Because He cares for us so much He comes to us and offers His \_\_\_\_\_ and His \_\_\_\_\_ and His \_\_\_\_\_ as well as His help in changing our life’s direction!

Won’t you hear His invitation today?

Repent and begin a new life today!