

December 8, 2019
“Get The Garbage Out!”
(Matthew 3:1-12)

Were you surprised to hear what your baby’s first _____ were?

John’s parents had taught him that God had chosen him to be the _____ who announces the _____ of the Messiah.

John’s first words to announce this important news were, “_____,
for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

“**Repent**” comes from two Greek words, *noeo*, which means to _____, perceive with the mind – and *meta*, which means “to _____.”

If you want to know where the trail to God starts, it starts at _____.

#1. – Repentance is about _____ our relationship with God.

Sin comes from turning away from the love and _____ for God.

The farther we move away from _____, the closer we move to _____.

People who know each other intimately and spend time together start to _____ each other’s character and attitudes and priorities!

Restore your relationship with God. It’s the only way to _____ yourself for the Messiah and the coming of the kingdom of _____.

#2. – The first sign of true repentance is acknowledging that we have a _____.

Repentance acknowledges our _____ relationship with God. It’s not so much about getting hate off our _____, but out of our _____!

#3. – The fruit of repentance is _____ and _____.

John’s message might sound _____, but it is motivated entirely by _____, and to turn us back to God while there is still _____ to experience his love!

That’s what repentance does for us – it smashes our _____ open, and we fall in _____ with God all over again!

So, John’s message this 2nd Sunday of Advent ---

- The kingdom of God is _____.
- God is _____.
- He’s kicking off his final plan to _____ the world to a relationship with him.

Don’t just make an _____ show of your religion, _____! Turn back to God!

Get the garbage out!! and bear the fruit of peace and joy that comes from knowing that you’ve been restored to God!