

Sermon Notes

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The Voice of Heaven

Luke 3:4,8,15-23; | John 3:1

I. THE GOSPEL CONFRONTS OUR INNER VOICES.

"A voice of one calling in the desert, 'prepare the way of the Lord...'" (Luke 3:4b)

"And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father...'"

(Luke 3:8b)

"Of what value is an idol, since a man has carved it? Or an image that teaches lies? For he who makes it trusts in his own creation; he makes idols that cannot speak." (Hab. 2:18)

II. THE GOSPEL GIVES US THE VOICE OF APPROVAL.

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." (Luke 3:21-22)

"He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire." (Luke 3:16b)

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ.... (Colossians 2:9-10b)

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! (1 John 3:1)