

## The Coming of SomeONE Better

*Luke 3:16-17*

It is part of the human condition that we are always looking for \_\_\_\_\_

Ultimately our yearning for something better—someONE better will be satisfied in the presence of \_\_\_\_\_

John the Baptist was so successful in calling Israel to repent that many asked, "Can this be the \_\_\_\_\_?"

### I. SOMEONE BETTER IS COMING—A SUPERIOR \_\_\_\_\_

A. The \_\_\_\_\_ One

B. He Is also \_\_\_\_\_

*According to the rabbis, it was beneath a \_\_\_\_\_ slave to remove and clean dirty, dusty sandals*

*3 Applications: John's response to SomeONE Better is a model for us:*

1) If we are going to compare ourselves to anyone, it must be \_\_\_\_\_

2) True humility is not found in denying our strengths but in \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves to Jesus

3) It is a blessing to recognize that Jesus is mightier and worthier for then we can \_\_\_\_\_ to Him

### II. SOMEONE BETTER IS COMING—A BETTER \_\_\_\_\_

A. John's Baptism Was a Baptism in \_\_\_\_\_

*Water baptism both then and now is only an external \_\_\_\_\_ : it cannot cleanse within*

B. Jesus' Baptism Was a Baptism with the Holy Spirit and \_\_\_\_\_

1) In Acts 1:4-5 Jesus explained that baptism with the Holy Spirit and fire would occur at \_\_\_\_\_

2) At Pentecost there was a revolutionary change in the way the \_\_\_\_\_ ministers to God's people

3) Why did John call what occurred at Pentecost "baptism with the Holy Spirit and fire"?

*Because fire is the fit \_\_\_\_\_ of the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the Church Age*

a) In the Bible, fire is a symbol of \_\_\_\_\_; it is the ministry of the Holy Spirit to \_\_\_\_\_

b) Fire provides \_\_\_\_\_; because the Holy Spirit indwells us we \_\_\_\_\_ the things of God

c) Fire is a source of \_\_\_\_\_; in Acts 1:8 Jesus promised power through the Holy Spirit

### III. SOMEONE BETTER IS COMING—THE TRUE \_\_\_\_\_

A. The Ministry of John the Baptist: \_\_\_\_\_

B. The Ministry of Jesus the Messiah: \_\_\_\_\_

1) John used winnowing to illustrate the judgment that will take place at the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus

2) John's illustration of threshing and winnowing teach us 3 lessons about the final judgment:

a) Only the Messiah can distinguish between \_\_\_\_\_ and false professors—the "chaff"

b) At His 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming the Messiah will gather genuine followers into the \_\_\_\_\_ symbolizing heaven

c) The "chaff" will be burned with \_\_\_\_\_ fire indicating this punishment is never ending