



Introduction: *There's a voice on the phone...what do you do?*

- I. TO DAY WE LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF JOHN THE BAPTIZER
  - A. John is well known for many things
  - B. But chiefly he is known as the voice of repentance
  - C. This voice of repentance also came from the Old Testament judges and prophets
  
- II. CAN YOU HEAR JOHN'S VOICE CALLING TO YOU?
  - A. He is calling you to repent
  - B. Repentance means – *to change the direction you are going*
  - C. God creates repentant & forgiven people by Baptism & His Word
  
- III. ADVENT IS A SEASONT O LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF REPENTANCE
  - A. Repentance prepares us for Jesus' 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Advent at Christmas & at judgment day
  - B. How do we all prepare when someone special is coming to our house?
  - C. "Bearing the fruit of repentance" means two things –
    1. Turn away from the sin you are repenting of (Luke 3:10-14; John 8:11)
    2. Restore, if possible, what sin has ruined (Luke 19:8)

Conclusion: *The voice on the phone is the voice of John the Baptizer...don't hang up!*