



SERMON OUTLINE DECEMBER 6, 2015

“Don’t Hang Up the Phone!”

Luke 3:4

INTRODUCTION: *There’s a voice on the phone . . . what do you do?*

I. TODAY 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 SEASON TO LISTEN TO THE VOICE OF REPENTANCE

- A. Repentance prepares us for Jesus’ 1st & 2nd 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!