

## "What should we do?" in Luke and Acts

### LUKE 3.3, 5, 10-18

[John] went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a **baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins**... Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, **and the crooked shall be made straight**, and the rough ways made smooth... **And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?"** In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." **Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?"** He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." **Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?"** He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and **all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.** His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." **So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.**

### ACTS 2.37-40

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, **"Brothers, what should we do?"** Peter said to them, **"Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.** For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." **And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation."**