

Hello! This is Dorothy -

I am reading from **Matthew's Gospel, chapter 3**, and I am thinking about John the Baptist. John the Baptist had a very, very strange message. He was a very stern man and he didn't understand about the grace of our Lord. He did not understand the Gospel that was going to be open for you and for me.

How grateful I am that I have been born in this generation and that I have had the chance to understand the amazing grace of the Lord! There is nothing about my life that earns salvation; there is nothing about my life that pleases God of myself. The Scriptures show that I was His enemy, even if I might have been moral and religious. What does that do to get me into heaven? No, I am amazed that God in His goodness allowed that you and I today might open up our hearts to see that it is the wonderful love and grace of God that says, "You can't, but I can. I died for you that I might literally exchange My life for your life, that you might be a new creation."

John the Baptist speaks of Jesus when he says,

12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

Those are very strong words. I do not know if you realize that it is . . . **by grace we are saved through faith; not of ourselves: it is a gift of God.** This is our window of opportunity to come to know Him.

But there is a terrible hour to come when those of us who will not receive Christ, as rejecters of the only way that we can be saved, will one day have to face that *unquenchable fire*. This is a very serious verse, for it makes me feel that who am I to worry what people think about my speech or who am I to wonder whether people accept me in what I say? I must warn men and women and young people today: *This is the day of salvation*.

Are you willing to take upon yourself that responsibility? The only Soul Winner of the whole world is Jesus Christ and He wants to win souls through you. I pray that He will impress upon you, as you read the Word, the importance to realize: this is the day for you to confess to another the need to come into Christ. I assure you that the Word of God will not be forgotten. Your words might be forgotten, but God's Word will not be forgotten. And let us pray that even as you say those words that the love of God will be in your heart, and that there will be such an impact come through your life that they realize this is tremendously important.

I was the first in my family. I was in missionary training, but I had never been born again. I was the first in my family to come to know the Lord Jesus. It's never easy; it is never understood properly. People always feel they have done their best for you and why is it that you have a message that is different from what they believe? But, you know, if you truly say, "I love my family, I love my friends, and I love the people at my church," you have to come to that place of warning them of this terrible fire that is going to take place. You say, "Well, we do not talk about Hell's fire. We just say that everything will get sorted out if we just love one another."

Love has a strict part as well as a soft part towards the child that we care for. Love is willing to explain such as in this illustration.

12 Whose fan is in His hand; He will thoroughly purge his floor . . . That literally means that when they took the wheat, they separated it from the chaff by allowing the evening breeze to blow away the chaff as they threw the wheat in the air and it was separated.

You and I are not called to judge and to separate who we think needs being saved and who we think is not saved. But we need to be clear that we share with all men everywhere that Jesus Christ loves them and Jesus Christ wants them to receive Him.

What about you? Would you really say that, although in your mind you might call yourself a Christian, can you really say that you have a burden for those who do not know the Lord? You know, one of the first signs of a newborn babe is that it makes some utterance. Often it does not seem to make much sense what it garbles out. Sometimes it is quite a shriek; at another times, it garbles on. But I want to assure you, it is a sign of life. For a person who is there when the baby's delivered, there is much joy for the child is well. This is life. This is an expression of life. If you find that you have never confessed Christ to others and yet you say, "I went through the church rituals and, yes, I am a Christian," check it out with God at this moment: "Am I really saved?"

Please send for that book, *Your Quest for God*.. It will help you to know that you know and, in turn, to confess to others that He is the only Saviour of the world - our Lord Jesus Christ!

In whose Name we pray. Amen.