

Great Expectations
“The Axe of The Lord”
Matthew 3
January 26, 2025

Additional Passages from last week’s Daily Scriptures:

Malachi 4; Matthew 11, 17:1-13; Luke 7:20-30

I. The Warning (1-6)

- A. Preaching repentance
- B. Preparing the way for the Lord
- C. Providing forgiveness of sins

II. The Wakeup Call (7-12)

- A. Bear fruit in keeping with repentance
- B. Being part of a family is not good enough
- C. Baptism with the Holy Spirit and fire

III. The Way (13-17)

- A. John the Baptist decreased so Christ could increase
- B. Holy Spirit confirmed Jesus as the Messiah
- C. Fruit of the Spirit confirms us as Christians

What am I going to do tomorrow as a result of what I hear today?

Have questions about today’s message? Earl would love to talk to you! earl@fccgwd.org

“Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”
(Matthew 3:10 ESV)

Memory Verse for January:

“¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.” (Hebrews 12:1-2 ESV)