

erated child gives himself up to loving trust in Christ and manifests it in thorough consecration to the Divine service he is accepted in the Beloved and his life gives some measure of joy to the Divine heart. (Isa. 53: 11; Zeph. 3: 17; Luke 15: 8, 32; John 15: 11.)

## QUESTIONS FOR STUDY.

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What do you know about Matthew? For whom did he write his gospel? When? What do you know about about John the Baptist? Where did he begin his ministry? Where was he baptizing? What prophecy did he fulfill? (Isa. 40: 3.)

7. For what were the Pharisees peculiar? What did the Sadducees believe? Why did John call them "vipers"? Did Christ speak in the same severe terms? (ch. 12: 34; 23: 13-15, 33; John 8: 44). How may we escape the wrath to come? (Rom. 5: 9; 1 Thess. 1: 10).

8. Is repentance a necessary condition of pardon? (Isa. 1: 16, 17; 55: 7; 1 Pet. 3: 11; Mark 7: 21-23). What is the test of true repentance and godliness? (ch. 7: 16-18; 12: 33). What fruits should the Christian bear? (Gal. 5: 22, 23).

9. Of what were the Jews accustomed to boast? (John 8: 33, 39). How was it evident that they were not true children of Abraham? (John 8: 39; Rom. 2: 28). What real advantage did descent from Abraham give them? (Rom. 3: 1, 2). How did John show the folly of relying upon their descent for salvation? In what sense are Christians Abraham's children? (Gal. 3: 29; Rom. 4: 1, 11, 16).

10. In what parable do we find language similar to this? (Luke 13: 6-9). A similar warning—John 15: 6.

11. In what respect was the baptism of Jesus superior to that of John? Was John's bap-

tism identical with that of the Christian church? (Acts 19: 1-4). What is the difference? What did John say of his mission as compared to that of Jesus? (John 1: 15-17, 27; 3: 30, 31). Was the baptism of the spirit predicted? (Isa. 44: 3). Did Christ promise it? (Acts 1: 5). When did it come? (Acts 2: 4).

12. What is a "fan"? What is meant by "his floor"? What are meant by "wheat" and "chaff"? What does the prophet say of the purifying work of Christ? (Mal. 3: 23). What is said of His judgment of the wicked? (Mal. 4: 1). See Christ's own words—Matt. 13: 30; Mark 9: 43-48.

13. Where had Jesus resided up to this time? (Mark 1: 9). How old was He? (Luke 3: 23). Why did He seek baptism from John?

14, 15. Why did John hesitate to baptize Jesus? What did Jesus say? Explain His meaning.

16. What was Jesus doing as He came up from the water? (Luke 3: 21). What new power did Jesus receive? Was this predicted? (Isa. 11: 1, 2; 42: 1; 61: 1).

17. How often was this voice heard? (Matt. 17: 5; John 12: 28). Where is the Messiah called God's son? (Ps. 2: 7). Where is He referred to as a special object of God's love? (Isa. 42: 1; Matt. 12: 18; Eph. 1: 6; Col. 1: 13; 2 Pet. 1: 17). Why did this scene take place? Prove from it the doctrine of the Trinity.

