

The Gospel Series  
*Repentance*

What does “to repent” mean?

(For uses of the word see: 1 Kings 8:47, Job 42:1-6, Zechariah 1:2-6, Luke 24:45-49, 2 Corinthians 7:9-10)

-To turn

-To see your mistake and admit that it was wrong, followed by beginning to do right

Mark 1:15

Is repentance necessary for salvation? Why or why not?

With that language of grace and forgiveness found in the New Testament that is wrapped up in every passage that calls us to believe, it is necessary. We cannot talk about the good news without recognizing that we are in need of God’s forgiveness. Forgiveness and reconciliation can only happen if someone did wrong to begin with. Without recognizing that we have offended God we cannot come to him. It would be a lie of a relationship, without recognition of the reality of who we are before him.

2 Corinthians 7:8-11

How does sorrow play into repentance?

It seems to be a crucial part. The sorrow causes us to be humble and open to what God wants us to see. Paul is not sorry that he caused the Corinthians sorrow because the outcome was the repentance that he longed to see happen in them.

What are the two types of sorrow here? What makes them different?

There is a “godly” sorrow and a “worldly” sorrow. The godly sorrow leads to repentance and salvation from the sin that we are slaves to. The worldly sorrow has no hope with it. It ends in death because there is no purpose to it other than to feed off of itself.

Rev. 2:5, 15-16, 21, 22 and 3:2-3

Who are the audiences here?

Churches. Believers. Fellow Christians.

What does this teach us about repentance?

That Christians are called to repent as well. Repentance is not a one-time event, but a repeated call to come back to the way of the Lord. It is something that happens daily and allows us to keep a clear conscience before God.