

Notes



APRIL 8, 2018

Biblical Repentance

And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent:

Acts 17:30

Repentance is such an integral part of God’s plan of salvation that no one has ever become a Christian without it. The Gospel cannot be preached without preaching that men must turn from their sin (Matt. 3:2; Matt. 4:17; Mk.6:12; Lk. 24:47; Acts 2:38; Acts 26:20).

The Gospel exposes our state prior to becoming a Christian with a simple, yet powerful term, *sinner*. Man is a sinner. I know that this is not a popular teaching, but the Bible declares none the less that we have all sinned (Rom. 3:23). “For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not” (Ecc. 7:20). There are many people who do not want to hear and are wholly unwilling to accept this truth even though Jesus came to call sinners to repentance through His Gospel.

Meeting Times

Sunday

Bible Class 9:30am

Worship 10:30am

Worship 6:00pm

Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00pm

Ladies Bible Class
meets at 10am on
Tuesdays

When we hear the Gospel, we learn early on that we have violated God's Word (1 Jn. 3:4). We have all done our own thing; we have all fulfilled the desires of our flesh and our mind. We have all taken matters into our own hands, lived the way we wanted to, and as a result, we have separated ourselves from God (Isaiah 59:1-2). The Gospel declares to us that the just payment for our sin is death, but also that God offers a gift, eternal life (Rom. 6:23). To receive this gift, we must repent. The repentant heart declares to God not only "I am sorry for my former manner of life" but also "I want to change from following my own way and begin following Your way." Notice David's penitent heart in Psalm 38:18, "for I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin." Our repentance is what brings about the change in our thinking that allows transformation to take place. As Christians, we no longer live unto ourselves, but unto our Lord who died for us and rose again (2 Cor. 5:15). Repentance is where we determine that the way we lived prior to becoming a Christian was wrong and that we will no longer follow a lifestyle that leads to eternal damnation (Rom. 6:23).

If there is one passage that sums up the glorious scheme of redemption it would be Luke 5:32 where Jesus said, "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." What God desires most is for mankind to be saved (1 Tim. 2:3-4). With each passing day God demonstrates His patience and "longsuffering to us-ward." What more could He do to prove that He is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance" (2 Pet. 3:9)? While some picture God as a mean, tyrant judge who is eager to punish, the Bible teaches differently. "As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?" (Ezekiel 33:11). While it is true that, because of His holy and just nature, God must punish the wicked (Ps. 89:14, Nahum 1:3; 2 Thess. 1:7-9). It is also true that He takes no pleasure in doing so. Our Creator has declared that He would see us come to repentance as He has commanded (Acts 17:30). God is listening. He is waiting for His creation, which He made in His own image, to repent, "I hearkened and heard, *but* they spake not aright: no man repented him of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? every one turned to his course, as the horse rusheth into the battle" (Jer. 8:6).

One of saddest truths in the Scriptures is that many will refuse to repent and thus be eternally lost. Let each of us take heed to Jesus' warning, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Lk. 13:3).

Order of Service

Opening Remarks		Ray Parks
Song Leader		Tom Barr
Song #824	<i>I'll Fly Away</i>	
Song #19	<i>All Hail the Power of Jesus Name</i>	
Prayer		Don Petrosky, Jr.
Song #203	<i>Hallelujah! What A Savior</i>	
Communion		Russell Haydon Dylan Petrosky
Song #851	<i>Blue Skies and Rainbows</i>	
Song #664	<i>There Stands a Rock</i>	
Sermon		Clay Bond
Song #207	<i>Hark! The Gentle Voice</i>	
Offering		
Closing Remarks		Ray Parks
Song #200	<i>Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah</i>	
Dismissal Prayer		Luke Haydon

Upcoming Events:

- Today Potluck Fellowship after morning worship
- May 5th – 10th Focal Point Workshop at University Church of Christ in San Marcos

...Prayer List...

Gay, Eugene & Barbara Haydon, Melinda Savage, Reta George, Leona Simon, Sherila Petrosky, Marilyn Barr

Remember our college students who are away at school: Zach & Jarrett Haydon, Emily & Courtney Meredith, and Steven Petrosky

Shut-Ins: Robbi George & Butch Crownover

Wednesday Devotional

Apr. 11th Dylan Petrosky

Attendance: Sunday AM: 38 PM: 34 Wednesday: 28 Contribution: \$3085.52