



1. Be Grateful for _____
(v.14)

Luke 15:14 And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. **15** So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. **16** And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. **17** "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! **18** I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. **19** I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" (ESV)

2. Be Grateful for _____
(vv.15-16)

3. Be Grateful for _____
(vv.17-18a)

4. Be Grateful for _____
(vv.18b-19)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **2 Corinthians 7:8-10**. What makes it hard for some people to see the value in the painful path that God utilized to bring them to repentance?
2. Read **2 Timothy 1:3-5**. How might you help others be more thankful for the way God brought them to see their need for repentance, especially if their path was not as painful or sordid as yours?
3. Read **2 Timothy 2:25-26**. How does this depiction of your "escape" from the enemy's "snare" through the repentance that God granted to you impact your view of his grace?
4. Read **Romans 6:17-23**. How does a slow and thoughtful reading of this passage add to your sense of obligation regarding your worship, thanksgiving, and sanctification?
5. Read **Revelation 7:9-12**. Assuming you are associated with this group because you have repented of your sins and placed your faith in Christ, how specifically might you deepen and increase your expressions of gratitude for the salvation that "belongs to our God" and has been graciously granted to you?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

November 13th
Ezk. 4-6 & Heb. 10:1-23
November 14th
Ezk. 7-9 & Heb. 10:24-39
November 15th
Ezk. 10-12 & Heb. 11:1-19
November 16th
Ezk. 13-15 & Heb. 11:20-40
November 17th
Ezk. 16 & Heb. 12
November 18th
Ezk. 17-19 & Heb. 13
November 19th
Ezk. 20-21 & Jms. 1
November 20th
Ezk. 22-23 & Jms. 2

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).

Msg. 06-14 – **A Crash Course in Repentance & Faith**
Msg. 12-27 – **Responding to the King of Kings**
Msg. 08-32 – **Making Sure You're Repentant**
Msg. 13-02 – **Why "As You Are" Can't Stay that Way**
Msg. 13-04 – **The Gospel's Assault on the Egocentric**
Msg. 06-52 – **Good Works & Eternal Life: Avoiding the Biggest Misunderstanding**
Msg. 09-32 – 09-36 – **Set Free to Live Right** (a five-part series)

This Week's Social Media Hashtag

#TheJoyOfSalvation

For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Boston, Thomas. **Repentance**. Reprint. Titus Books, 2014.
Brooks, Thomas. **Repent and Believe**. (Pocket Puritan Series) Banner of Truth, 2008.
Chantry, Walter J. **Today's Gospel: Authentic or Synthetic?** Banner of Truth, 1970.
Dyer, Larry E. **Baptism: The Believer's First Obedience**. Kregel Publications, 2000.
Ferguson, Sinclair. **The Grace of Repentance**. Crossway, 2011.
MacArthur, John. **The Gospel According to Jesus**. Revised Edition. Zondervan, 2009.
Metzger, Will. **Tell The Truth: The Whole Gospel to the Whole Person by Whole People**. InterVarsity, 1984.
Miller, C. John. **Repentance and the 20th Century Man**. Christian Literature Crusade, 1975.
Pink, A. W. **Repentance**. Triangle Press, 1996.
Roberts, Richard Owen. **Repentance: The First Word of the Gospel**. Crossway Books, 2002.
Ryle, R. C. **Repentance**. Amazon Digital Services, Inc. 2012.
Sproul, R. C. **What is Repentance?** Reformation Trust, 2014.
Swindoll, Charles. **Hope Again**. Word Publishing, 1996.
Watson, Thomas. **The Doctrine of Repentance**. Reprint. Banner of Truth, 1987.