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***Welcome To The
New Testament Baptist Church***

Current Series

Bible Doctrine

Today's Message

Doctrine of Repentance

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Introduction

- **Matthew 3:7-8**
- The product of the new birth is repentance and faith
- We do not repent and believe and then the Holy Spirit regenerates us
- Repentance begins inward as a work of the Holy Spirit and it produces signs of fruit
- John required the fruits of repentance

Three Elements of Repentance

1) Sin admitted – conviction

- In the new birth we come to recognize that sin offends a Holy God

- The intellectual element of repentance

- Identifies with Peter (Luke 5:8)

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1) Sin admitted – conviction

2) Sin abhorred – contrition

- **There is a godly sorrow in true genuine repentance**

- **This is more of the emotional element of repentance**

- **Not only do you know that God hates sin, but you also begin to hate sin and to mourn over it**

“The nature of Christ’s salvation is woefully misrepresented by the present-day evangelist. He announces a Savior from hell rather than a Savior from sin. And that is why so many are fatally deceived, for there are multitudes who wish to escape the Lake of Fire who have no desire to be delivered from their carnality and worldliness.”

A.W. Pink

Three Elements of Repentance

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3) Sin abandoned – conversion

- The change within leads to an outward change of conduct

- Some call this the volitional element of repentance

- Repentance concerns our whole inner nature: Intellect, emotion, and will

- Outward manifestations look different in the beginning for each of us

Luke 3:7-14

“Godly sorrow and worldly sorrow. The first one leads to life, but the latter shoves us into a spiritual grave. Worldly sorrow only bemoans getting caught or weeps for what was lost. It never grieves for the wrong committed. Godly sorrow produces different results. When we experience godly sorrow, we are deeply grieved for the wrong we committed. We desire to ask forgiveness, to repair the damage, to make reparation for the harm done; not merely protect ourselves from pain or regain what we didn’t want to give up. In a word, we repent.”

Charles Swindoll

Is there Evidence of Repentance?

- **True repentance is more than wanting forgiveness**
- **Are we sorry for our sin and turn from it?**
- **The truly repentant have received forgiveness**

Repentance is a Gift from God

- **Acts 5:31** – Who is it that has enabled us to change?
- **Acts 11:18** – We have been granted repentance
- **2 Timothy 2:24-25**
 - Repentance is given by God
 - God uses us to lead others to repentance

Genuine repentance will make itself evident by its deeds and attitudes (Lk. 3:8; Ac. 26:20). The repentant person will:

- 1. Freely acknowledge his sin (1 Jn. 1:9; Pro. 28:13a).**
- 2. Cease the activity for which he was disciplined or at least seek help if it's a case of life dominating patterns (Pro. 28:13b; Gal. 6:1f; Jam. 5:19-20).**
- 3. Make restitution and/or ask for forgiveness from those hurt as it is applicable (Phil. 18-19; Matt. 5:23-24).**

4. He/she will demonstrate a genuine change of heart, a real concern and godly sorrow over his actions, not in order to be forgiven, but because of the harm caused to the glory of God and the hurt caused others (2 Cor. 7:8-11; Ps. 51:17).

5. He/she will begin to manifest the fruit of the Spirit and a concern for the things of Christ (Gal. 5:22f).

J. Hampton Keathley

Conclusion

Is there evidence of the new birth?

Have you repented?