

~Because I Said So!~

Repentance

Matthew 3:1-8

The setting is a riverside revival and the preacher is John the Baptist:

Wild

Weird

Wonderful

The definition of repentance

The Old Testament - shub—"to turn"

naham—"to be sorry"

The New Testament—metanoia—"to change your
mind"

metamelomai—"to feel
regret" (2 Corinthians 7:9)

The demand for repentance

Why? - man's sinful nature

Predetermined

Powerful

Perishing

The dynamic to repent

When and how does repentance happen?

Stop and **confess** sin (singular).

Turn and **correct** sin.

Come home and **celebrate** victory over sin.

Application:

1. Repentance means "to change your mind." How does that meaning change (or does it change at all) your conception of repentance?
2. Faith alone is the sole condition for salvation. That is, the sacrifice of Christ on the cross was sufficient in the eyes of God for the atonement for our sin. The call for a change of mind about Christ is synonymous with the call to trust Him. Agree or disagree. Be ready to defend your answer.
3. Discuss the difference between Holy Spirit conviction and satanic condemnation.
4. Discuss this statement: repentance brings freedom.