

REPENTANCE

It Was Preached By

The Prophets Jer. 3-5-26

John Matt. 3 Luke 3

Christ Matt. 4:17

Apostles & Disciples

Luke 24:46-47

What It Is Not

not Turning to God Ac. 16:20

not Conversion Act. 3:19

not Crying Heb. 12:17

not Godly Sorrow 2 Cor. 7:10

not Reformed Life Lk. 3:8-9

What It Is

A Command Ac. 17:30; Lk. 13:3

Change as to Who Christ Is Ac. 2:36

Change in Regard to Sin Ac. 2:28; Rom. 6:2

Change in Regard to Service Mt. 21:28-29

Change of Stubborn Will 1 Sam. 15:23

Condition of Forgiveness Ac. 5:31; 26:20

It Is for Saints & Sinners Ac. 11:18; 8:22

How Repentance Is Brought About

Goodness
of God
Rom. 1:4-5

Fear of the Judgment

Cities Mt. 11:20-24

Nineveh Lk. 11:31

Mark Hill Ac. 17:30

Aroused by the Gospel Rom. 1:16

Evidences Mt. 3:8; Gal. 5:22-23

Impossible for Some Heb. 6:3-4

God's attitude 2 Pet. 3:9

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INTRO: This subject is very important. Much is taught on this subject today and yet little truth is preached about it. First, the meaning of the word: *metanoeo* "lit., to perceive afterwards (*meta*, after, implying change, *noeo*, to perceive; *nous*, the mind, the seat of moral reflection), in contrast to *prono**eo*, to perceive beforehand, hence signifies to changes one's mind or purpose, always, in the N. T., involving a change for the better, an amendment, and always, except in Luke 17:3, 4, of repentance from sin." *Vine*, Vol. 3, page 280. "In the N. T. the subject chiefly has reference to repentance from sin, and this change of mind involves both a turning from sin and a turning to God." p. 281.

I. REPENTANCE WAS PREACHED BY:

- A. The Prophets. Jer. 3:6, 11-14, 5:20-21; Jer. 5. Israel and Judah were guilty. Jer. 26:1-6. Repent.
- B. By John the Baptist. Matt. 3:1-2, 7-8; Luke 3:2-3.
- C. By Christ. Matt. 4:17.
- D. By Apostles and Disciples. Luke 24:46-47.

II. WHAT REPENTANCE IS NOT

- A. Repentance Is Not Turning To God. Acts 26:20.
- B. Not Conversion. Acts 3:19.
- C. Not Crying. Heb. 12:17.
- D. Not Godly Sorrow. 2 Cor. 7:10.
- E. Not Reformed Life. Luke 3:8-9.

III. WHAT REPENTANCE IS

- A. A Command. Acts 17:30; Luke 13:3.
- B. Change As to Who Christ Is. Acts 2:36.
- C. Change in Regard to Sin. Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:2.
- D. Change in Regard to Service. Matt. 21:28-29.
- E. Change of Stubborn Will. 1 Sam. 15:23.
- F. Condition of Forgiveness. Acts 5:31.
- G. It Is for Saints and Sinners. Acts 11:18; Acts 8:22.

IV. HOW REPENTANCE IS BROUGHT ABOUT

- A. Fear of Judgment
 - 1. Cities. Mat. 11:20-24.
 - 2. Nineveh. Lk. 11:32.
 - 3. Mars Hill. Acts 17:30.
- B. Aroused by the Gospel. Rom. 1:16.
- C. Evidence of Repentance. Matt. 3:8; Gal. 5:22-24.
- D. Impossible for Some. Heb. 6:3-6.
- E. God's Attitude. 2 Pet. 3:9.
- F. Goodness of God. Rom. 2:4-5.

CONCL: Repentance is a change of mind that is essential to salvation.