

## **Sermon Notes – 07.13.2025 - Repentance**

### **What is “Repentance”?**

**An Old Brit Once Described it as “About Face, Fast March”**

**Repentance** – “Change of mind, and purpose, and life. The word here evidently means, not merely sorrow, but a forsaking of sin, and turning from it. The tendency of God’s goodness and forbearance to lead people to repentance, is manifest...”. ~ Barnes

### **In the Old Testament – Turn Back or Turn Away**

### **In the New Testament – Think Again, Come a New Decision, and Take a New Direction**

### **John’s Gospel Doesn’t Mention Repentance – So It Describes What Repentance is Instead**

“Although John never uses *repent* as a verb, the verbs he *does* employ are even stronger. He teaches that **all true believers love the light** ([John 3:19](#)), **come to the light** ([John 3:20-21](#)), **obey the Son** ([John 3:36](#)), **practice the truth** ([John 3:21](#)), **worship in spirit and truth** ([John 4:23-24](#)), **honor God** ([John 5:22-24](#)), **do good deeds** ([John 5:29](#)), **eat Jesus' flesh and drink His blood** ([John 6:48-66](#)), **love God** ([John 8:42](#) , cf. [1 John 2:15](#)), follow Jesus ([John 10:26-28](#)), and keep Jesus' commandments ([John 14:15](#) All of them presuppose repentance, commitment, and a desire to obey. Finally, remember that it is the Gospel of John that outlines **the Holy Spirit's ministry of conviction toward the unbelieving world** ([John 16:8-11](#)). Of **what does the Holy Spirit convict unbelievers? Of "sin, righteousness, and judgment"** [Biblia.com]

**Acts 17:30** "Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent,

### **Repentance is God’s Way of Purifying our Hearts and Lives**

**James 4:7-8** Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

**8** Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and **purify your hearts, you double-minded.**

#### **Purify My Heart**

Purify My Heart; O Lord God

For the Pure in Heart, Shall See God

Holy Spirit, Come Convince My Soul; Make Me Holy and Make Me Whole.

**Romans 2:4** Or do you think lightly of **the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience**, not knowing that **the kindness of God leads you to repentance?**

**1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## This Is All About Repentance Toward God...

### But, There is another Kind of Repentance for Human Relationships

**Luke 17:1-4** He said to His disciples, "It is inevitable that stumbling blocks come, but woe to him through whom they come! 2 "It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea, than that he would cause one of these little ones to stumble. 3 **"Be on your guard! If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.** 4 "And if he sins against you seven times a day, and returns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' forgive him."

- It's God's Way of Cleaning Out Our Relationships
- Keep a Short Tab – Don't have long lists of Offences that You Have not Repented of or Long Lists of Offences You Have Not Forgiven.

### Repentance is a Deep Work -

**2 Corinthians 7:8-11** For though I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it; though I did regret it—for I see that that letter caused you sorrow, though only for a while— 9 I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that **you were made sorrowful to the point of repentance; for you were made sorrowful according to the will of God,** so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us. 10 **For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation,** but **the sorrow of the world produces death.** 11 For behold **what earnestness** this very thing, **this godly sorrow, has produced in you:** what vindication of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what avenging of wrong! **In everything you demonstrated yourselves to be innocent in the matter.**

**God Tells Everyone to Repent** – We Have Power to Change, We Have Conviction to Know What to Repent of, and a Mandate to Purify Our Hearts.

**As We Practice Repentance** with each Other – We Have the Opportunity to Preserve Our Relationships and for God to Do a Deep Work in Us

### God's Authority Commands It - Acts 17:30

### God's Kindness Leads It - Romans 2:4

### God's Faithfulness Provides Forgiveness and Cleansing - 1 John 1:9

When I Realize that I Have Done Something Wrong before God or My Brothers and Sisters, The Right Response is Repentance.