

Sermon Notes – 08.23.2026 – Power in Jesus Name to Repent

Mark 1:14-15 Now after John had been taken into custody, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

The Gospel at this Time Meant the good News that the Kingdom of God Was Near.
Salvation was Coming and Forgiveness of Sin with It

Repent and Be Baptized – After Christ's Resurrection Everything Changed

Acts 2:36-41 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that **God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified.**" 37 Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" 38 Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 "For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself." 40 And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation!" 41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

The Gospel Message as It Has Unfolded is Simply This:

- We All ave a Reason to Be Afraid – We Have Sinned Against a Holy God
- One Day that God will Come to Judge All of Mankind
- God Sent a Savior to Die in Our Place – Jesus Christ Went to the Cross to Pay for Our Sins

We are Presented with Three Ways We are Told to Respond to the Gospel:

Believe in Jesus Christ & Repent & Be Baptized

Believe in Jesus, the Savior that God Sent

Repent – Come to a Crisis over our sin, turn from it and whole-heartedly go the other way.

As the Apostle Peter Put It: "Be saved from this perverse generation!"

Acts 17:30 "Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, **God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent,** 31 because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead."

Someone Might Ask, What Does it Mean to Repent?

Repent: <u>To change one's mind for better, heartily to amend with abhorrence of one's past sins</u> <i>Thayer's New Testament Words</i>

It Doesn't Just Mean to Feel Sorry –

- Change Your Mind & Choose Jesus
- Turn & Run Away from Sin, Change Your Ways, Thrust Away Anything that Has the Stench of Sin
- Put on the New Person (Imitate Christ), **Live the New Life and Never Turn Back.**

Repenting to God - True Repentance is Like a Deep Cleansing

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.

Repenting is a Serious Thing –

1 John 1:8-10 If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. **9** **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** **10** **If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.**

We Have Authority in Jesus Name

Romans 8:12-14 So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— **13** for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but **if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.** **14** For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.