

“Self in the Dirt: A Picture of Repentance”

2 Corinthians 7:8-11

“...as he who has called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, ‘You shall be holy, for I am holy.’” 1 Peter 1:15-16

Repentance is the _____ through which all revival flows.

If you want to get to a better place with God, get _____.

“Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.” Acts 3:19

What Is Repentance?

- It is a _____ inside of me

Def. of Repentance = repentance is a recognition of sin for what it is, followed by a heartfelt sorrow, culminating in a change of behavior.

- Repentance comes _____ revival
- Repentance is a _____ of God

How Will I Know If Repentance is Happening Inside of Me?

1. I will have _____ over my sin (2 Cor. 7:9)

2. I will have _____ over my sin (v.9)

3. Restitution towards _____ (v.11)

God calls us to be fully responsible for our own actions - we are not responsible for their reactions. Go to that person and make it right whatever the cost.

4. I will have Revival toward God (v.11)

5. I will be moving _____ (v.10)

God is waiting to pour over you the oil of gladness and to fill you with the fullness of joy.

“Come now let us reason together, says the LORD; though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat of the good of the land...”

Isaiah 1:18

Radical Change Calls For Radical Response

1. **Get your list of sins that God showed you in front of you.**

2. **Go to God with this list.** Tell Him, “Lord, I’m sorry for this sin of _____ (be very specific). I acknowledge the damage this sin has caused in my life (review the damage). I confess this to You as sin; I say it out loud: _____ is sin. I am so sorry, Lord, and I humbly ask Your forgiveness. Help me as I turn from this sin.”

3. **Make Restitution Toward Others.**

It is necessary to make things right with those your sin has injured. It will be the hardest part of the repentance process. Your old flesh will rise up in resistance against the Spirit of God in this step. Trust God! Don’t give in and don’t stop moving forward toward revival.

What relationships in your past or present have been injured or broken because of your sin? Make a list of those relationships.

Who do I need to write a letter of apology to? Who do I need to call and ask for forgiveness? Who do I need to go visit?

Remember you are not responsible for their reactions or responses. You are responsible for your own actions towards them. Seek forgiveness, confess the sin, apologize and ask for forgiveness.

Do you need to make restitution beyond an apology? Consider what your sin has cost them (money, reputation, etc.). Pay it back as far as you are able.

Repentance always takes you to a good place! It’s never a waste of time. When you break out of the self-condemning rut of the past and move forward into the freshness of a revived relationship with God, you will know repentance is doing a work in your heart.

“Come, let us return to the LORD. He has torn us that he may heal us. He has struck us down and He will bind us up. After two days He will revive us and on the third day He will raise us up that we may live in His presence. Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD. His going out is as sure as the dawn. He will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.” Hosea 6:1-3

Do You feel those Raindrops of Mercy Beginning to Fall?