



BEULAH FIRST BAPTIST

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Focus: Nehemiah - Rebuilding with God

Week 7: Repentance and Renewal

Text-Nehemiah 9-10

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Introduction: What is True Repentance?

When we talk about repentance in the church, I think sometimes we don't fully grasp what it really means. Repentance isn't just about our thoughts or what's in our minds. It's deeper than that. True repentance comes from the heart. It's not simply saying, "I'm sorry," or feeling bad for what we did or said—it's a genuine change that flows out of the heart of a believer. God is not calling us to feel bad, live in shame, or walk in condemnation. Instead, He is calling us to live in an aware state of His Spirit, developing a deep desire to please Him in all that we do.

Romans 8:1- *Therefore, there is no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.*

Let's be clear tonight: God is after your heart. He desires and his standard is holiness.

Focus Points

- † Revival leads to repentance.
- † In Nehemiah 9–10, the people confessed their sins, remembered God's faithfulness, and renewed their covenant with Him.
- † True rebuilding requires repentance and recommitment to God's Word.

Key Themes to Emphasize

1. Corporate Confession

- † The people confessed their sins and the sins of their ancestors (9:2–3). Why?
- † They spent **hours** in the Word, confession, and worship.
- † **Application:** Renewal begins with honest confession before God.

2. Remembering God's Mercy

- † Their prayer in chapter 9 recounts God's acts of mercy throughout Israel's history.
- † Despite Israel's failures, God remained **faithful**.
- † God's Faithful Vs. Our inconsistencies. Seeing God's Resume and His Works should give us assurance that God can handle our issues.
- † **Application:** Remembering God's past faithfulness strengthens hope for the future.



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3. Covenant Renewal

- † Leaders, Levites, and people signed a covenant to obey God's law (9:38; 10:28–29).
- † They committed to holiness, Sabbath, and stewardship.
- † **Application:** Repentance must lead to renewed commitment.
- † **What renewed commitment can be made tonight?**

4. Commitment to Holiness

- † They pledged to separate from foreign practices and honor God's law (10:30–39).
- † Holiness was expressed in everyday life.
- † Holy living means that clear boundaries are set. What are some of your non-negotiable that will help you live holy.
- † **Application:** Renewal shows up in practical obedience.

Questions you can use in your study:

1. Why is confession essential to spiritual renewal?
2. How does remembering God's faithfulness encourage repentance?
3. What commitments should we renew as individuals and as a church?
4. How can repentance and renewal impact our community witness?

Nuggets to Consider

1. Revival without repentance is incomplete.
2. God's mercy is greater than our sin but do not take mercy for granted.
3. True renewal requires covenant faithfulness and holiness.