

Ezra

RESTORATION

Repentance

Ezra 10

July 2, 2023

What are the main tenants of the Christian faith? When thinking about this question many things likely come to mind. We read our Bibles, pray, attend church, tell people about Jesus, and disciple our children. What about repentance? Dealing with sin is not the pleasant part we desire. But it is a fact of the Christian life. As we come to the end of book of Ezra, we see a call to repentance and ultimately a call to Jesus!



WAYPOINT
CHURCH

Know Where You're Going.

Order Of Worship

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 34:1-3

Songs of Praise

In Christ Alone

Just To Be With You

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism #36

Q. What do you understand by the word "suffered"?

A. That during his whole life on earth, but especially at the end, Christ sustained in body and soul the wrath of God against the sin of the whole human race. This he did in order that, by his suffering as the only atoning sacrifice, he might deliver us, body and soul, from eternal condemnation, and gain for us God's grace, righteousness, and eternal life.

Offering and Prayer

Song of Declaration

O Come to the Altar/ Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

Confession of Sin

Lord Jesus, I sin — Grant that I may never cease grieving because of it, never be content with myself, never think I can reach, a point of perfection. Kill my envy, command my tongue, trample down self. Give me grace to be holy, kind, gentle, pure, peaceable, to live for thee and not for self, to be transformed into thy likeness, to live entirely to thy glory. Deliver me from attachment to things unclean, from wrong associations, from the predominance of evil passions, from the sugar of sin as well as its gall, that with self-loathing, deep contrition, earnest heart searching I may come to you, trust in you, cry to you, and be delivered by you.

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8:31-34

Children's Message

Sermon

Repentance

Ezra 10

Pastor James Brignac

Communion

Song of Response

Trust and Obey

Benediction

Sermon Notes

Introduction

*...of all the acts of man repentance is the most divine.
The greatest of all faults is to be conscious of none. –*
Thomas Carlyle

Turning Away

What is universally true of all people?

*Psalm 51:5, Romans 3:23, Ephesians 2:1-3,
Ecclesiastes 7:20*

What action do Ezra and the people take in verse 1?

What is the command found in Colossians 3:5?

...be killing sin or sin will be killing you. – **John Owen**

Turning Towards

What is a covenant?

*Ezra 10:2
Jeremiah 31:33*

What reality do we learn in 2 Corinthians 5:17?

What is sanctification? Who is the author of it?

*Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness. - **Westminster Shorter Catechism #35***

Cost

How can repentance be costly?

What were the exiles called to do (verses 3-4)?

1 Corinthians 7:12-13

How do we know the people took this issue seriously?

Announcements



Summer Bible Study
Wednesdays in June, 10-11:30 AM



Multiple groups are available.
Contact Pastor James to get
connected



M.E.A.T. - Men Eating and Talking
July 11 at 7:00 PM
Contact John Homon



Volunteer sign up is open
August 18-19, 2023



Men's Outing
Jumbo Shrimp Game
July 29, 2023 at 6:35 PM
Contact John Homon



Every Friday at 8:00 AM
via Zoom meeting

Discussion Questions

1. What are the core aspects of the Christian faith?
2. Is it more difficult to turn from sin or turn towards God? Why?
3. Read Colossians 3:5. What does it mean to put sin to death?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. How should we live in light of being a new creation?
5. Have you ever experienced a "cost" in repentance? When?
6. Is there any area of life in which you need to repent today? What's stopping you?