

“Me First”

Repentance RPNT - 02

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- Repentance Defined
 - A biblical call to repentance is a call for people to make a radical turn from one way of life to another
 - To turn from evil and to turn to good
 - Sorrow, contrition, for past sin
- Three Forms of Repentance
 - Personal
 - Ecclesiastical (Church)
 - Church Universal
 - Local Church
 - National
- Me First - Let it begin with me

Personal Repentance

- Acts 2:36-38 – Example of Personal Repentance – general public
 - Pierced hearts (Holy Spirit convicting the world of sin - John 16:8)
 - What should we do?
 - Repent of your sins and turn to God
 - Baptized – show that you received forgiveness for your sin
- Psalm 51 – Example of Personal Repentance - specific with David

Ecclesiastical Repentance

- 2 Corinthians 7:8-10 – church at Corinth
 - Pain that caused them to repent
 - The kind of sorrow that God wants his people to have
 - Sorrow that leads us away from sin
 - Contrast worldly sorrow lacking repentance resulting in spiritual death (I’m sorry I got caught)
- Church Leaders
- Revelation 2-3 letters to churches and calls to repentance
 - Ephesus – you don’t love me or others as you did at first
 - Pergamum – You tolerate some among you whose teaching is false

- Thyatira – You are permitting Jezebel to lead my servants astray
- Sardis – reputation for being alive – but you are dead
- Laodicea - warmish

National Repentance

- Jonah – example of National repentance – specific to Nineveh capital of the Assyrian Empire
- Israel – frequent calls to repentance
- Jeremiah 3:11-13
- 2 Chronicles 7:14
 - My people
 - Humble themselves
 - Seek my face
 - Turn from their wicked ways
 - I will hear, forgive, restore their land

Kindness leads to repentance

- Romans 2:4
- Kindness in Exposure?
- Dark and Secret Places
- Luke 12:1-3
- Ephesians 5:10-14
- Titus 2:11-15
- John 3:18-21
- Isaiah 29:15
- All sin breaches our relationship with God, but we must never think that the Lord will refuse us if we humble ourselves and return to Him with true contrition. He longs to take us back, and His willingness to forgive His children is infinite. No matter where we are or what we have done, we can be confident that God will pardon us if we forsake our sin and turn to Christ alone for our pardon. That is the magnitude of His grace. That is the mercy of the God whom we serve in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Ligonier Academy – Dr. R.C. Sproul
- Jeremiah 17:9-10 I, the LORD, search all hearts and examine secret motives.
- Psalm 139:23-24 (NLT2) 23 Search me, O God, and know my heart;