

## REPENTANCE

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## HUMILITY

- In the New Testament, we read that John the Baptist, speaking in God’s name, called the people to repent and be baptized as a cleansing from sin.
- They justified God, ...
- We can either justify God or justify ourselves.

## SEEK MY FACE

- “God wants us to move beyond the petition stage, to a time when the ultimate good – in fact the only good – is being in communion with God.”
- Meditate on God’s Word!

## TURN FROM OUR WICKED WAYS

### Part 1 (the Church)

- Apathy and neglect, being lukewarm, thorns, lust for the things of life and religion.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

### (One to Another)

- Unity
- Ephesians 4
- James 5:16
- The robe of righteousness (Zechariah 3, Ephesians 4:32)
- Confession is....

## REPENTANCE IS A GIFT

- “Repentance always brings a person to the point of saying, “I have sinned.” The surest sign that God is at work in his life is when he says that and means it. Anything less is simply sorrow for having made foolish mistakes— a reflex action caused by self-disgust.
- ....Then the Holy Spirit, who produces these struggles, begins the formation of the Son of God in the person’s life (see [Galatians 4:19](#)).”
- “The foundation of Christianity is repentance. Strictly speaking, a person cannot repent when he chooses— **repentance is a gift of God.** ” – O. CHAMBERS

## TURN FROM OUR WICKED WAYS

- **(PART 2 – US)**
- God in his GOODNESS is calling the church to repentance because after this - **WE RUN.**
- **Hebrews 12: 1** “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up.
- **Hebrews 12: (cont.)** “And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. <sup>2</sup>We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith.”

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