

**SERIES: The Parable of the Sower: Hearing & Receiving Salvation
(Matthew 13:3 – 9, 18 – 23)**

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- Colossians 2:13-14; Ephesians 1:7; Romans 10:9

Do you have saving faith?

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- The word repentance “metanonia” means a turning away from sin, disobedience, or rebellion and a turning back to God.
- 2 Corinthians 7:9-10; Matthew 4:17; Acts 2:38; Luke 13:2-5

Has your faith in Jesus Christ led to you producing the fruit of repentance?

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