

Turning

- **Opening Announcements**

- Special Prayer Service: NEXT SUNDAY 11/1 @ 6:30pm
- Fasting From Negative & Political Media
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- **Opening Prayer**

Q: When you think about the word "repentance", what comes to mind?

Q: When you think about the word "Reformation", what comes to mind?

Q: How are those two words connected?

Q: What do you know about the "Protestant Reformation"

READ: 2 Chronicles 7:14 "If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face **and turn from their wicked ways**, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

Q: How do you "turn from their wicked ways"?

Q: How do you know what's "wicked" and what's not?

Q: Why is truth important to this distinction?

Q: How do you see "man" redefining God's truth? What's the result of that?

Q: How has that effected the church, "christianity", today?

Q: Why would another "reformation" be important?

READ: Matthew 3:1-3 "In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ² "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ³ For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'" "

READ: Matthew 4:17 "From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Q: How are the messages between John and Jesus similar?

Q: What was the role of John?

Q: What was the role of Jesus?

Application....

READ: Matthew 28:19-20 "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Q: So how is the above passage, connected to...similar to.....John's and Jesus' ministry?

Q: When Jesus says "teaching them to obey everything I have commanded", how is repentance connected to that?

Q: So, HOW are "all nations" to come to faith in Jesus?

Q: So why is "reformation" important to the mission of the Church?

READ: 2 Peter 3:9-12 "The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. ¹¹ Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, ¹² waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because"

Q: In light of these verses, WHY is God waiting to send Jesus?

Q: How do we "hasten" His coming?

Q: What's ultimately going to happen to the world?

Q: Why is reformation...turning....so important for the Church to continue?

Don't Forget: *Daily Prayer & Fasting, Daily Scripture*