

Lesson 10: Repentance and Forgiveness

A. A call to repent

1. Read Mark 1:14-15, Matthew 3:1-2, Acts 2:38 What do all these appeals have in common?
2. What is repentance?
3. Why did Jesus instruct His disciples to preach a message of repentance and forgiveness of sins in His name in all the nations? Romans 3:23, 2 Peter 3:9
4. When did you first become aware that you were a sinner and needed to repent of your sins?
5. Some people repent out of fear. What can we learn from the testimony of the Apostle Paul to Christians in Rome? Romans 2:4
6. Who convicts us of the need to repent of our sins? John 16:7-8
7. Is repentance a one-time event or will we need to repent more than once in our lives? 1 John 2:1
8. What is the difference between genuine repentance and regret for the negative results of our sin? Matthew 3:8, Proverbs 4:14-15, etc.
9. Where do you see genuine repentance revealed in the prayer of David after committing adultery with Bathsheba? Psalm 51:1-11
10. What lessons can we learn about genuine repentance from the parable of Jesus about a Pharisee and a tax collector? Luke 18:9-14
11. How has your understanding of repentance expanded as you have grown in your relationship with God? (sins of commission and omission)
12. What is the relationship between repentance and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ? Acts 20:21

B. The gift of forgiveness

1. What blessings come from God when we experience true repentance and confess our sins? Acts 2:38, 3:18-19, 1 John 1:9, etc.
2. What is your testimony about the blessings you have experienced when you have experienced genuine repentance and confessed your sin?
3. How would you respond to a person who says, "I feel too ashamed and unworthy to ask for forgiveness"?
4. In Revelation 7:13-14 we see a picture of the redeemed clothed in white robes. How have they experienced this complete cleansing? (see also Matthew 22:1-14)
5. What promises of God's Word remind us that He is merciful to all who cry out to Him for forgiveness and cleansing? Psalm 103:8, John 6:37, etc.