

Before and After Repentance

Text: 2 Corinthians 7:8-10

Introduction:

1. Repentance is a change of heart (mind) brought about by godly sorrow and resulting in a reformation of lifestyle.
2. One must understand what comes both before and after repentance.

I. Things That Precede Repentance

- A. Hearing the Gospel (Matt. 3:1-2; 4:17; 12:41; Luke 16:30-31) – thus, an awareness of sin (Matt. 9:13; 2 Cor. 12:21)
- B. Believing the Gospel (2 Tim. 2:24-26)
 1. Faith in Jesus precedes repentance (Luke 24:46-47).
 2. Mark 1:15 was not spoken to alien sinners, but to those already in covenant with God (cf. Ac. 19:4; 20:21).
- C. Godly Sorrow (2 Corinthians 7:8-10)
 1. The “sorrow of the world” comes from a fleshly view of sin (cf. Matthew 27:3).
 2. Godly sorrow comes from viewing sin from God’s perspective – the cross (cf. Rom. 2:4; Matt. 11:20-21).
- D. Without these, true repentance cannot take place.

II. Things That Follow Repentance

- A. Conversion (Acts 3:19)
- B. Submission and obedience (Acts 2:38)
- C. A change of behavior (Matt. 21:28-29)
- D. Fruit of repentance (Matt. 3:8; Luke 3:8)
- E. Restitution (Acts 26:20; Luke 15:17-20; 19:8)
- F. For the Christian, prayer (Acts 8:22)

III. Things That Accompany Repentance

- A. Salvation (Luke 13:3, 5; 17:3-4)
- B. Joy in Heaven (Luke 15:7, 10)
- C. Deliverance (Rev. 2:5, 16; 3:19)

Conclusion: Do you need to repent? (Acts 17:30-31; 2 Peter 3:9)