

REPENTANCE

God has made the gift of life available. But we must accept it. How do we do that?

- 2 Peter 3:8-9
 - God doesn't want anyone to perish. He wants everyone to repent.
 - What does it mean to repent? Let's look at some scriptures that describe repentance.
 - To repent means to turn around. Repentance means a change of heart and mind. It is a decision. Repentance is a positive command; to change to become what we were created to be - like Jesus. To repent means to change in attitude and behavior.
- James 4:4-10
 - An attitude of humility and submission to God
 - Pure heart / Single-mindedness / Sorrow over sin
- Matthew 5:1-5
 - Blessed are the poor in spirit.
 - Blessed are those who mourn. Genuine sorrow, not just sorry you can't do something.
- Acts 26:20
 - How do you know if a person has repented? You see it in his actions. His life reflects the change. Preaching repentance sometimes leads to opposition. Some don't want to change. Many don't appreciate being told the truth about their life.
- 2 Corinthians 7:8-11
 - Repentance is not equivalent to salvation. It only "leads to salvation".
 - What's the difference between Godly sorrow and worldly sorrow?
 - Speeding: The officer pulls you over.
 - Worldly sorrow: sorry you got caught, but you will speed again. You're sorry about the consequences.
 - Godly sorrow: sorry you've broken the law and endangered lives.
 - Why does Godly sorrow leave no regret?
- Mark 9:42-48
 - We must have a radical attitude toward sin. We must feel the same way about sin that God does. Sin is not pleasing to God even in moderation.
 - Do I have a radical aversion to sin?
- Hebrews 10:26-31
 - What do I have to look forward to if I don't repent?
 - What do I personally need to repent of?
- Acts 3:19
 - What are the results of repentance?

Passages to read before our next Bible study:

Mark 1:1-11	John preaches a baptism of repentance
Acts 2:36-38	Repent to receive the forgiveness of sins
Acts 5:29-32	Jesus is the one who grants repentance and forgiveness of sins
Acts 26:13-20	Paul's testimony
Romans 2:1-16	Repentance leads to God's blessings