

## REPENTANCE FOR FORGIVENESS OF SINS

1. The Great Commission of Lk 24:46-47. Focus on *repentance for forgiveness of sins*.

### 1st: Repentance and Faith

1. Faith is not repentance but both characterize the Christian: believing repentance & penitent faith. Our union with Jesus in His death & resurrection – Rom 6:5-9. Initial & continual: repent & believe.

### 2nd: God Calls Sinners to Repent of Sin

1. *Adam, where are you?* God calls Adam to repent, confess & receive provisions of salvation.
2. Problem is sin. *Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?* Isa 59:1-2
3. Call to repent in Old Testament
  - i. Ps 103:8-13 repeats Ex 34:6-7; abounding grace; like compassionate father
  - ii. Isa 55:6-9 incomprehensible forgiveness [Mic 7:18-19].
  - iii. Ps 51:1-4 David confesses adultery & murder; v7-15 cleansed conscience: promises worship
5. Call to repent in New Testament: JnB - A 19:4; Jesus - Mk 1:14-15, [Mat 6:12]; Peter - A 2:37-40

### 3rd: What is Repentance?

1. Repentance is *granted* [A5:31], but we are responsible to repent: *all people everywhere should repent* [A 17:30]. Repentance w/ faith engages all our faculties.
  - i. Mind - change our thinking [Rom 12:2].
  - ii. Emotions - change our feelings. 2 Cor 7:9-11
  - iii. Will - repentance decides to obey [Ps 119:59].
3. Behavior - A 26:19-20 what are *deeds appropriate to repentance*. Eph 4:28. Specific sin: VIIIth
  - i. Stop disobeying - *steal no longer*. [Lk 11:24-26]
  - iii. *rather* – displacement – obey at point of disobedience
    - a. *labor* - thief is lazy - IVth
    - b. *share w/ one who has need* – not take but give; not make needy but meet needs
4. JnB - Mat 3:8 would JnB baptize you?

### Applic #1: Is the Holy Spirit Convicting You of Sin?

1. Holy Spirit *will convict concerning sin, righteousness, & judgment* [Jn 16:8]. Allow conscience to measure self with Law of God & be accountable to God & ask for forgiveness in Jesus.

### Applic #2: Is Your God the God Who Forgives Sinners?

1. Only the true God against whom we have sinned can forgive us. Mic 7:18; Isa 45:22; A 4:12.
2. Turn from idols that cannot forgive - 1 Thess 1:9-10. Even so, come Lord Jesus!