

The Burden and Blessing of True Repentance
Joel 2:1-17
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Repentance is how we grow in grace and become more like Christ.

Repentance is difficult, soul-crushing, unpleasant work.

What Spurs us Toward True Repentance?

When your life is falling apart. v 1-10

The Trumpet blast is a wake-up call, and God is the trumpeter.

How much darkness and difficulty must I endure before I repent?

Mistaken views of repentance

God Awakens us Towards True Repentance. v 11

God has set the alarm. He sends the warnings. How is he alarming you?

Why must we admit we are wrong, and repent? (Ezekiel 18:30-31)

Return to me, v 12 and 13.

What are the Signs of True Repentance? v 12-14

Fasting, weeping, mourning - Rending your hearts.

In true repentance, you see your sin, and sense your savior.

Westminster Confession of Faith, 15:2

What are the incentives for True Repentance?

Who knows? (Jeremiah 26:3; Jonah 3:9)

You do not come into the presence of Almighty God with presumption.

When you say, "I can sin, God will pay for it." You are really in trouble.

Corporate Aspects of Repentance, v 15-16

Sin makes you feel incredibly alone.

We are all in the same rebellious boat.

What is the Fruit of True Repentance? v 17

Restored fellowship with God.

How do the priests pray?

How to win friends and influence people - Pastor Mark version.

It is not about us; it is about Him!!!