

***“The Bedrock of Right Living”***  
***A Cry for Authentic Faith • pt. 6***  
Malachi 3:7-10

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INTRODUCTION

- who needs repentance?

“Some people do not like to hear much of repentance; but I think it is so necessary that if I should die in the pulpit, I would desire to die preaching repentance, and if out of the pulpit I would desire to die practicing it.”  
– Matthew Henry

- the nature of biblical repentance (*J.I. Packer*)
  1. Realistic \_\_\_\_\_ that one has disobeyed and failed God, doing wrong instead of doing right.
  2. Regretful \_\_\_\_\_ at the dishonor one has done to the God one is learning to love and wanting to serve.
  3. Reverent \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s pardon, cleansing of conscience, and help to not lapse in the same way again.  
Mt. 6:12-13
  4. Resolute \_\_\_\_\_ of the sins in question, with deliberate thought as to how to keep clear of them and live right for the future.  
Mt. 3:8
  5. Requisite \_\_\_\_\_ to any who have suffered material loss through one’s wrongdoing.  
Lk. 19:8
- necessity of repentance for the Christian

***1. The certainty of God’s coming***

Mal. 2:17-3:6

- coming to purify

1 Cor. 3:15

- coming to judge

***2. The call to repentance***

- *repentance* is first an \_\_\_\_\_, then an \_\_\_\_\_.
- ‘OK, give us one example where we need to repent.’
- *titbing* is first an \_\_\_\_\_, then an \_\_\_\_\_.

APPLICATION

What stands in the way for you to be marked by repentance?

“The last word of our Lord to the church is not the Great Commission. The Great Commission is indeed our program to the end of the age, but our Lord’s last word to the church is ‘Repent’.” (Rev. 3:19)  
– Vance Havner