

THE GIFT OF REPENTANCE

Repentance Is A Gift

- I. **Repentance is a gift-2Tm2:24**-The servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,²⁵In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance (bestow a gift) to the acknowledging of the truth;²⁶And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will-**Ac11:18**-They held their peace and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles **granted** (same word) repentance unto life.
- II. **Repentance is foundational (If the foundation is not in place the integrity of the structure comes into question)-Hb6:1**-Leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation (basis/support building stands upon/first principals) of repentance from dead works and faith toward God ²Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands and of resurrection of the dead and of eternal judgment.
- A. Jesus came preaching repentance-Mt3:2-Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand-**Mt4:17**-From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand-**Mk1:15**-The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel
- B. The disciples preached repentance-Mk6:12-They went out and preached that men should repent
- C. Paul preached repentance-Ac20:21-Testifying both to the Jews and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus...
- D. God commands all men everywhere to repent-Ac17:30-And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent
- E. Repentance is not just for the unsaved/sinner-Written to churches-**Rv3:19**-As many as I **love** (wish well), I **rebuke** (tell a fault, correct) and **chasten** (train, teach, instruct, discipline): be **zealous** (eager, ready to act) therefore and repent-**Rv2:16**-Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly...-**Rv3:3**-Hold fast and repent
- III. **Repentance is 3 big things**
- A. Compunction-Pricking of heart, grief or remorse proceeding from a consciousness of guilt, pain of sorrow or regret for having offended God, sting of conscience from violating a moral duty
- B. Change of mind-As it appears to one who repents of something he has done; Think differently or afterwards, reconsider; Change one's mind for better, correct with abhorrence of one's past sins
- C. Turning away-Relinquishment of any practice from conviction that it has offended God-**Ac26:20**-Shewed first unto them of Damascus and at Jerusalem and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do the works meet for repentance-**Ez14:6**-Thus saith the Lord God; Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations
- D. Unrepentant people-"I have no regrets. I wouldn't change any of the mistakes I've made because they made me who I am.