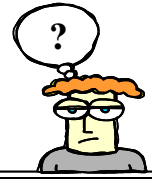


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The Gospel ^{part 4}

Understanding God-Induced Repentance & Faith



1. Accept the Fact that Our Response to the Gospel is...

_____ (Ezk.36:24-32;
Jn.6:44ff.; Ac.5:31; Heb.12:2; et al.)

2. Biblical “Repentance” Means that We...

_____ (Is.55:6-7;
Ac.20:21; 14:15; et al.)

3. Biblical “Faith” Means that We...

_____ (Is.53:4-6;
Gal.2:21; 2:16; et al)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. Understanding, embracing and proclaiming the proper biblical response to the gospel is obviously of utmost importance. Unfortunately most churchgoers only traffic in Sunday School sound bytes and the opinions of their friends. The current confusion among Christians today is understandable when so many fail to go to God's revealed source to get the right information. What are some of the unbiblical, reductionist, truncated, oversimplified or whimsical responses to the gospel that you have heard presented, pitched or discussed by others?

What will you do this week to make sure that your understanding of repentance and faith are truly biblical?

2. How does knowing that God is active in graciously granting repentance and faith impact your thinking about evangelism?

Read **2 Corinthians 5:20**. If God grants repentance & faith, can we be passive about presenting the gospel? What does it mean to hold these concepts in balance (cp. Jn.6:44 & 2Cor.5:20)?

3. Read **2 Corinthians 7:11**. What then would imitation "repentance" look like?
4. Describe the difference between "believing the facts of the gospel" (cf. Jms.2:19) and biblical faith (cf. Phil.3:4-9).

We are reading through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.

June 12th

2Kgs.20-21 & Rom. 15

June 13th

2Kgs.22-23 & Rom. 16

June 14th

2Kgs.24-25 & Ps. 1-2

June 15th

1Chr. 1-2 & Ps. 3-4

June 16th

1Chr. 3-4 & Ps. 5-6

June 17th

1Chr. 5-6 & Ps. 7-8

June 18th

1Chr. 7-9 & Ps. 9-10

June 19th

1Chr. 10-11 & Ps. 11-12

Here are some resources which may help you understand and apply the truths presented in this week's sermon.

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