

## RESTORE REPENTANCE

God is calling us to a life of consistent repentance so we can live in close relationship with Him.

### KEY POINTS

- ❖ A couple of weeks ago, we heard about our need for revival. And was stated, revival is for the people of God, not for unbelievers. The people of God, the body of Christ and Faith Sanctuary Pentecostal Church desperately need to be revived!
- ❖ Here is a crucial step in the process—a foundation stone we can't bypass: **Repentance**. We cannot be revived without humble, contrite, repentance.
- ❖ Repentance brings us to a place of acknowledging our faults, our sinful depravity, and our total dependence upon God for His divine mercy.
- ❖ Essentially, repentance is a change of mind and a change of heart—a realization that what we thought was right is wrong and a bad feeling about what we previously felt good about. Repentance means to admit we were wrong and that we are deeply sorry for our words and actions. When we see ourselves through God's eyes and understand His thoughts through His word, repentance makes us humble and contrite before Him.
- ❖ Now, when we repent, God can move in and change us into what we need to be. He will bring us into a life of being saved, sanctified, and justified.
- ❖ We need to Restore Repentance into our lifestyle.
- ❖ One of the things we see over and over as we read through the scriptures is that God is usually the one who initiates repentance. We seem quite happy to proceed through life with our bad attitudes, bitter spirits and awful words until God comes along and brings us face to face with the nastiness of our sins.
- ❖ King David committed adultery with Bathsheba and had her husband killed, then continued with his life as if nothing at all had happened (see 2 Samuel 11). It wasn't until Nathan the prophet came "up in his face," so to speak, that David acknowledged his sins, repented, and asked for God's forgiveness (2 Sam. 12:1-15).
- ❖ We are quite familiar with David's prayer of repentance in Psalm 51, but let's take a look at Psalm 32, one of seven so-called "penitential" psalms (i.e., Ps. 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143), which covers the length and breadth of the repentance/forgiveness cycle.
- ❖ Verses three to five remind us that hiding our sin and failing to repent is *not* a happy state of affairs. David said his bones grew old and he groaned all day long. He *felt* the pressure of God's hand on him. He had no physical vitality; all energy and strength had drained out of him.
- ❖ As hard as we may try, we can't dislodge the guilt of our sins. We *know* when we've done wrong, and God won't let us forget it!
- ❖ God is trying to help us, and trying to save us. He is doing everything in His power to bring us to a place of repentance.

**KEY SCRIPTURES:** Exodus 34:8-9;  
 Psalm 32; Romans 2:4; Isaiah 55:6-7;  
 Luke 3:7-8a, 10-14; Acts 3:12b-19

- ❖ Anyone may be forgiven for sins they have committed, even without repentance. But without repentance—without a change in thoughts, motivations, and actions—a person will continue to live a sinful life and will never have a saving relationship with Jesus Christ.
- ❖ Rejecting sin and turning away from sinful acts is a crucial step toward new birth, new life, and continuing growth in Christ (see Isaiah 55:6-7).
- ❖ In Luke 3, we read of people coming to John for baptism, which was a baptism signifying their repentance (vv. 7-8a, 10-14). True repentance, according to John, changes our lives and helps us to live the way the Lord wants us to live.
- ❖ If we want to be revived, to get to the place to which we were invited a couple of weeks ago, repentance is the key. As Peter stated in Acts 3:19, we repent, we are converted, and our sins are blotted out, *so that* revival can come from the presence of the Lord! In other words: no repentance, no revival.
- ❖ The recent message referred to a young man named Evan Roberts. During his evangelistic efforts in 1904, he said the Holy Spirit gave him four things people would have to do if his mission was to succeed: (1) Confession of all known sin and (2) Repentance and restitution; (Just as John the Baptist and the apostle Peter had said, confession, repentance, and restitution—where possible—are key.) These were followed by: (3) Obedience and surrender to the Holy Spirit, and (4) Public confession of Christ.
- ❖ This is a call for us to get on the road to revival through genuine, God-inspired, from-the-heart repentance. When we Restore Repentance and incorporate it into our daily lives, God is going to work mightily *in* us and *through* us!

### DISCUSSION/REFLECTION TOOLS

1. Have you ever felt the pull of God on your heart urging you to repent of something you have done? Share, if you feel comfortable.
2. Have you ever witnessed the Evan Roberts' "steps to revival" in your own or someone else's life? What followed?
3. Read one of the "penitential" psalms. Use it as a guide as you pray a prayer of repentance.

### PRAYER TIME

Forgive me, oh, Lord, and revive me again.

Start-up: Is there a limit to your patience? How often can a person commit the same wrong against you, apologizing, before you "snap"?

WEEK OF SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2022

### NOTES

Meditate as you read through/listen to this week's message. If it helps, use symbols for your notes.

✓ (Reminds me/Confirms) 💡 (New idea) 🔄 (Think about)

! (Do this) ❤️ (Speaks to my heart) 🗣️ (Must share)

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### PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**



### **LIFE GROUP LEADERS' REFRESHER TRAINING**

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*Contact: Pastor A. Peel*

*Search me, O God, and know  
my heart today  
Try me, O Saviour, know my  
thoughts, I pray  
See if there be some wicked  
way in me  
Cleanse me from every sin, and  
set me free*

### **FAITH SANCTUARY ON-LINE SERVICES**

**Sunday Bible Study @ 10:15 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship Service @ 11:00 a.m.**  
**(Rebroadcast @ 3:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. and  
Wednesday @ 7:00 p.m.)**  
**Monday Berean Bible Study @ 6:30 p.m.**  
**(Zoom, Facebook, YouTube)**

## **FAITH FOUNDATIONS**

### **GOD**

We believe there is only one God: the eternal, holy, loving, all-knowing, all-powerful, omnipresent Spirit, creator of all (Deuteronomy 6:4; 1 Timothy 1:17; Leviticus 19:2; 1 John 4:8; Hebrews 4:13; Revelation 19:6; Jeremiah 23:24; John 4:24; Isaiah 44:24; Colossians 1:16).

### **GOD'S WORD**

We believe the Holy Scriptures—The Bible—is God's true and complete Word to humanity, verified most notably through fulfilled prophecies concerning Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Isaiah 41:21-23, 42:8-9, 46:9-10; Luke 24:25-27; John 17:17).

### **GOD'S CREATION**

We believe all people were created in the image of God for His pleasure, to be His children, His church and His bride, living in eternal love and fellowship with Him (Revelation 4:1; Genesis 1:27; John 1:12-13; Romans 8:16; Ephesians 5:25-32; Revelation 19:7).

### **HUMANITY'S FALL**

We acknowledge that we have all sinned and failed to fulfill God's plan and purpose for our lives, through willful disobedience to the word of God and our own conscience. All sinful acts lead to separation and alienation from God's pure, holy presence, eventually resulting in both physical and spiritual death (Romans 3:23, 6:23a).

### **THE GOSPEL**

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Almighty God, fully divine and fully human (1 Timothy 3:16). He came to Earth and suffered death by crucifixion, willingly substituting Himself for us in receiving God's judgment against sin (Isaiah 53:5). But God raised Him from death (Acts 5:30), and He now offers eternal life to all who will believe in Him (John 3:14-17, 6:29; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21; Romans 6:23b; Ephesians 2:4-9). Faith is sparked within us when we hear the gospel, the "good news" that Jesus died, was buried and rose from the dead for our benefit (Romans 10:14-17; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

### **OUR FAITH RESPONSE**

Hearing the gospel is intended to lead us to repentance, a divinely inspired change of heart that causes us to turn away from our sins and turn to God (2 Corinthians 7:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:24-26). Faith and repentance lead us to obey the scriptural command to be baptized in Jesus' name for the forgiveness of our sins and to receive His gift of the Holy Spirit. His Spirit gives us the power to live a righteous, godly life, joyfully sharing the good news of our new life in Christ with others (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38, 4:12; 1 Peter 1:22-23).

### **CHRIST'S RETURN**

We believe our Lord Jesus Christ will soon return to Earth to receive His people to Himself and establish His righteous, eternal kingdom (John 14:3; Matthew 25:34).

**MARCH 13, 2022**

  
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**Pastor: Rev. Granville E. McKenzie**

*"I acknowledge my sin to You,  
And my iniquity I have not  
hidden. I said, 'I will confess  
my transgressions to the Lord,'  
And You forgave the iniquity  
of my sin."  
Psalm 32:5 NKJV*

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