

Certainty... in a world of doubt

The Gospel of Luke

desert breeze
community church



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“Repentance” Luke 13:1-35

No action requires more maturity and character and produces more maturity and character than repentance. Repentance is the key to everything in the Christian life. It is the grid in which we should process everything that happens to us in life. Nothing will give you a greater experience of God’s love being poured into your heart through the Holy Spirit like repentance (Rom5:1-5).

TRUE REPENTANCE IS... (2Cor7:10-11)

A LIFESTYLE vv1-5

Repent in both good and bad times or you will perish. Why? Because we are more sinful than we ever dared to believe but more loved than we ever dared to dream. Mark 1:15, 6:12; Acts 2:38; 1John 1:5-10

FRUITBEARING vv6-9

When good things happen, you are grateful and not smug (humble) because it’s more than you deserve; and when bad things happen you are hopeful and not devastated (confident) because you have never been more loved. Matt3:8; 2Peter3:18

LIFE LIBERATING vv10-17

God is not a restrictor but a liberator and therefore convicts us to lead us into greater levels of freedom and joy. Rom2:4; Jn 8:31-32

GOD EMPOWERING vv18-21

The Christian life isn’t just agreement with facts in the head but it is a power that totally transforms your heart. Rom1:16, 8:11; Phil2:13

THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED vv22-30

The Christian life is a lifelong passionate pursuit of a growing intimate relationship with Christ where He becomes your ultimate hope, meaning, happiness, security, significance and satisfaction. Heb11:6; Jer29:13; John 6:35

GOD’S HEART FOR YOU vv31-35

God does not take pleasure in the death of the wicked but rather that he should turn from his way and live. Ez18:23; 2Pet3:9

“There is no sin so small that it doesn’t deserve punishment and no sin so great that it can bring punishment on anyone who truly repents.”—Westminster Confession

Growing Notes

- 1) Does our culture see repentance as a weakness or strength? Explain. What are your thoughts and feelings when you think of repentance? What is the difference between godly and worldly repentance (2Cor7:10-11)?
- 2) Read the sermon introduction and Luke 13:1-35. What stands out to you from this chapter? Reflect on the six points of what True Repentance Is. Which one(s) are most helpful to your understanding of repentance? Do any of them surprise you? Which one(s)?
- 3) What does it mean that Repentance Is a Lifestyle? What fruit should our repentance produce? How do you think most people see God, as a restrictor or a liberator? Explain. How does repentance bring liberty (freedom—Rom2:4; John 8:31-32)?
- 4) How is repentance God Empowering (Phil2:13)? Why do you think repentance is the Road Less Traveled? What is God’s heart for us when it comes to repentance (Ez18:23; 2Pet3:9)? What is God speaking to you through this study? Pray.