

I. The need for repentance

- A. We have all sinned and need to repent

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23)

- B. We will all die and face the judgment

“Man is destined to die once, and after that to face the judgment.” (Hebrews 9:27)

- C. We will all perish without repentance

II. The call for repentance

“Repent for the kingdom of heaven is near.” (Matthew 3:2)

“The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news.” (Mark 1:15)

“I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.” (Luke 5:32)

- A. Repentance is to change our mind in regard to sin

“Repent! Turn away from all your offenses.” (Ezekiel 18:30)

- B. Repentance is to change our emotions to Godly sorrow

“Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation.” (2 Corinthians 7:10)

- C. Repentance is to change our will to obey God

- D. Repentance is to change our heart to love God

“Yet, I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love. Remember the height from which you have fallen! Repent and do that the things you did at first.” (Revelation 2:4-5)

- E. Repentance is to change our behavior to please God

III. The purpose of repentance

- A. Repentance prepares us to believe in Christ

“There is more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.” (Luke 15:7)

- B. Faith in Christ brings us eternal life

IV. The result of repentance

- A. We are blessed with forgiveness of sins

“Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.” (Acts 3:19)

B. We are able to live a transformed life

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.” (Hebrews 12:1)

C. We are enabled to live a fruitful life

“Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.” (Matthew 3:8)

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit apart from me you can do nothing.” (John 15:5)

D. We are thankful for God’s patience

“He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” (2 Peter 3:9)

E. We are aware that we are accountable to God