Questions People Ask About Repentance

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INTRODUCTION

- Every time a preacher hears a question, he's probably hearing about something that he ought to be preaching on.
- Repentance is something that is essential to salvation, and yet, ladies and gentlemen, it is something that many people fail to understand.

1 What Is Repentance?

2 Corinthians 7:9–10

- That's what repentance is to think differently, to change one's mind or purpose, but it always involves a change for the better.
- Repentance, ladies and gentlemen, involves a change of mind accompanied by a change of life.
- For godly sorrow produces repentance, leading to salvation, not to be regretted. But the sorrow of the world produces death.
- If all a person has is sorrow, if that's all they have, then they do not have repentance.
- Going forward before a congregation is not repentance.
- It is a godly sorrow. It is a sorrow that recognizes that I have offended my creator.

2 Who Is Responsible to Call Men to Repentance?

Acts 17:30; Acts 2:38; Acts 8:22

- God is using a man. God is using a man to call other men to repentance.
- God has already given all the scripture that He is ever going to give.
- Yes, God calls us to repentance, but he uses men.
- Repent of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you.
- Preaching repentance is an essential part of preaching the gospel.

3 How Should Repentance Be Preached?

Acts 17:31; Acts 24:24–25; 1 Corinthians 6:9–11

- There is a general message of repentance that must be preached, that is, that God commands all men everywhere to repent of sin.
- There's judgment coming. That's why we need to repent.
- The convenient time to break with the devil never comes.
- There is also a specific message of repentance. By specific message, I mean that the Bible teaches that specific sins must be dealt with.

- If someone just tells you to repent without identifying the sin and telling what you need to repent of, that person is not helping you.
- If a man will not tell you the truth about sin, that man is not your friend.

4 Is There a Way to Tell If I Have Repented?

1 Corinthians 6:9–11; Acts 9:1–20; Acts 19:17–20

- Repentance can be seen in one's actions.
- If a person's life never changes, then how can it be said that man is repented?
- Such were some of you. That is, that's the way it used to be with y'all. But they weren't that way any longer.
- We find the persecutor has now become a preacher of the truth.
- Those who were converted showed their repentance by actions that were visible to men.

MY NOTES