

Repentance: Its Root and Fruit

A look at the nature and evidence of repentance.

Sermon Questions

1. On a scale of 1 to 10, how well do you think you know about repentance? _____
2. Repentance is key to the gospel call. (Yes/No)
3. Baptism is a _____ immersing, plunging, dipping, or washing in water which symbolizes a new or renewed relationship with God.
4. Repentance is a _____ from sin and a turning to _____.
5. Without repentance there is no _____.
6. The leveling of mountains and valleys describes the return of Christ at the end of time. (Yes/No)
7. Repentance is not the end goal, but the way to that goal, which is _____.
8. Why does John speak so directly to the crowd?
 - i. They think they have forgiveness without needing repentance.
 - ii. They were calling John names first.
9. Psalm 7:12–13 says, “If a man does not _____, God will whet his sword; he has bent and readied his bow; he has prepared for him his deadly weapons, making his arrows fiery shafts.”
10. List the 9 characteristic of repentance we see in these verses:
 - i. Repentance is the commanded response to the word of God going forth.
 - ii. Repentance leads to _____ and salvation.
 - iii. Repentance is turning from sin and turning to God.
 - iv. Repentance will always bear _____.
 - v. Repentance is necessary.
 - vi. Repentance is hard and often _____.
 - vii. Repentance is _____, even in difficult situations and occupations.
 - viii. Repentance looks different in different people.
 - ix. Repentance is not perfection but direction.

Discussion/Meditation Questions

1. Read 2 Corinthians 7:5–12. What is the relationship between sorrow and repentance? How do they differ?

2. What were some of the fruits of true repentance when you first turned to Jesus and were forgiven?

3. How would you counsel someone who says to you, “How do I know if I’ve repented enough to be saved?”

4. Jot down further questions about repentance and then find answers to those questions.