

"A Call to Repentance"

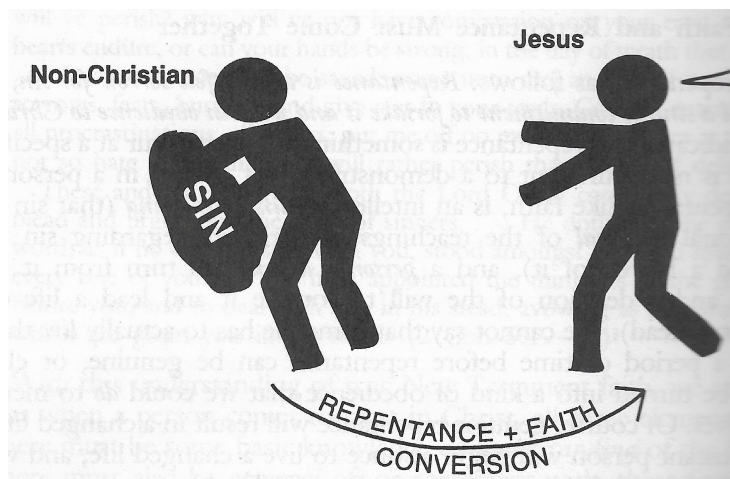
Women's Discipleship
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As you are able over the next few weeks read and meditate on the following Scriptures then answer the questions in preparation for our round table discussions. If your time is limited then give attention to the bold passages first. Like the Psalmist pray the Lord would "open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law" and then the grace and humility to apply those wonderful things.

Matt 3:1-8	Acts 3:17-26	Prov 28:13
Matt 4:17	Acts 11:17&18	Isa 30:1 & 15
Mark 1:14-15	Acts 17:29-31	Isa 55:1-13
Mark 4:1-20	Acts 20:18-24	Jer 31:18&19
Luke 3:7-9	Rom 2:4&5	Ez 18:30-32
Luke 5:27-32	2 Peter 3:9	Joel 2:12&13
Luke 13:1-5	Rev 2:3-5,13-16 & 19-23	Ps 32:1-5 & 8-10
Luke 15:1-10	Rev 3:1-4 & 19	Ps 51:1-12 & 16-17
Matt 27:3-5; Heb 12:17	2 Cor 7:9-10; Eph 4:17-24	James 4:4-10

Scripture joins together both faith and repentance. Though they are distinct concepts they cannot occur independently of each other. And both are a gift of God's grace not a meritorious act.

"Repentance and faith are two sides of the same coin called conversion. The person who genuinely turns to Christ for salvation must at the same time release the sin to which he or she has been clinging and turn away from that sin in order to turn to Christ. Thus neither repentance nor faith comes first; they simultaneously act together. John Murray speaks of "penitent faith" and "believing repentance."
(Grudem Systematic Theology)



CONVERSION TAKES PLACE AT THE HEART LEVEL -
A TURNING FROM SIN IN REPENTANCE AND TURNING TO CHRIST IN FAITH

1. How does Isaiah 55 reflect the beautiful relationship between repentance and belief/faith?
2. Matt 4 and Mark 1 describe Jesus' first public address. Of all the things He could of told the people why do you think He chose "repent and believe?"
3. What do you think Paul means in Acts 20:21 when he says "repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ?"
4. What is involved in repentance?
5. What is always the result of genuine repentance?
6. In regards to salvation, is it required that one repent of all sin?

7. Jesus' parable of the sower in Mark 4 is a picture of a person's true conversion or lack thereof. Describe how faith and repentance were apparent (working together) or lacking in each individual and what is the result.

8. Are grief, tears, and even visible sorrow about sin an indication of repentance? Why or why not? (See Matt 27:3-5, Heb 12:17, and 2 Cor 7:9-10)

9. How do Psalm 32:1-5;8&9, Psalm 51, Eph 4:17-24 and James 4:4-10 reflect the need for believers to live in an attitude of repentance and dependence on God?

10. Is there any particular area in your life you feel the Lord calling you to repentance in, and are you willing to share that with someone in your group for the purpose of your spiritual growth and mutual upbuilding?