

REPENT AND BELIEVE

THE CALL OF THE GOSPEL

"REPENT, THEN, AND TURN TO GOD, SO THAT YOUR SINS MAY BE WIPE OUT, THAT TIMES OF REFRESHING MAY COME FROM THE LORD."
— ACTS 3:19

WHAT IS REPENTANCE?

Repentance means to change your mind. It goes beyond just feeling sorry or remorseful. It is a change of mind and heart. It leads to a change in action and direction. True repentance aligns us with God's will.



TO WHOM ARE WE REPENTING?

We are repenting to God, the Creator of all things:

- He made us in His image and likeness.
- He gave us tremendous value and purpose.
- Repentance restores our relationship with our holy and loving Creator.

OF WHAT ARE WE REPENTING?

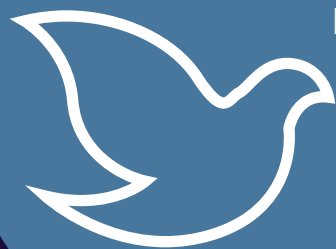
We are repenting of:

- Sin – any thought or action that falls short of God's will.
- Unbelief in Jesus Christ – rejecting the truth of who He is and what He has done.

Sin means to "miss the mark" of God's perfect moral standard.



WHY MUST WE REPENT?



Repentance brings us into agreement with God:

- Repentance shows humility and submission to God's moral standard.
- When we repent and believe in Jesus, God gives us His Holy Spirit:
 - We receive new life.
 - We are empowered to live in a way that pleases God.
 - His Spirit is a guarantee of eternal life.

HOW DOES REPENTANCE & RECONCILIATION BEGIN?

It begins with the gospel. The good news of what God has done through Jesus Christ.



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THE GOSPEL STORY

God Created All Things

- God created the heavens, earth, seas, and all creatures.
- He made humanity, male and female, in His image.
- He gave us a divine mission:
 - Be fruitful and multiply.
 - Steward creation.
 - Exercise dominion over it.
- He generously provided and gave one command: "Do not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil."

The Fall of Man

- Satan deceived the woman.
- She ate the forbidden fruit and gave it to her husband, who also ate.
- Sin entered the world through this disobedience.
- As a result:
 - Humanity lost innocence.
 - Creation was corrupted.
 - Death and separation from God began.

Humanity's Condition

- Every human is born with a sinful nature.
- We are naturally inclined to rebel against God.
- A day of righteous judgment is coming:
 - "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)
 - "The wages of sin is death..." (Romans 6:23)
- God is holy. He hates sin and must judge it.

The Greatest News Ever Told

- "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)
- In love, God sent Jesus Christ:
- Born of a virgin, fully God and fully man.
 - Lived a sinless life.
 - Died the death we deserved.
 - Took God's wrath for sin on the cross.
 - Rose again on the third day, defeating sin and death.

The Invitation of Salvation

- Jesus is now exalted at the right hand of the Father.
- "There is no other name under heaven by which we must be saved." (Acts 4:12)
- He became sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God (2 Corinthians 5:21).
- Through faith in Jesus:
 - We are forgiven.
 - We are promised eternal life

Eternal Judgment or Eternal Life

- "It is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment." (Hebrews 9:27)
- Everyone will face judgment. But:
 - Those who reject Jesus will face eternal separation from God.
 - Those who receive Him will enjoy eternal life and peace with God.

The Gospel in One Sentence

By one man's disobedience (Adam), sin entered the world. By one man's obedience (Jesus), salvation is made available to all who believe.

TODAY IS THE DAY

This is the **love** & **grace** of God. This is the **gospel of Jesus Christ**. **Repent** of your sins and **believe** in the gospel for your **salvation** today!