

THE LOST ART OF REPENTANCE

Acts 2:22-38

Point : 1

Religion doesn't save .

Repentance is change

(Mat 3:8 NIV) Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.

(Luke 3:8 NIV) Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.

There is no Salvation without Repentance

(Luke 13:3 NIV) I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.

(Luke 13:5 NIV) I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish."

(2 Pet 3:9 NIV) The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

Repentance... John preached it

- *(Mat 3:2 NIV) and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."*
- *(Luke 3:3 NIV) He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.*
- *(Acts 13:24 NIV) Before the coming of Jesus, John preached repentance and baptism to all the people of Israel.*

Repentance... Jesus preached it

- *(Mat 4:17 NIV) From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."*
- *(Mark 1:15 NIV) "The time has come," he (Jesus) said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"*
- *(Luke 5:32 NIV) I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."*

Repentance... Peter preached it

- To the Jews on Pentecost: (Acts 2:38)
- To the Jews at the Temple: (Acts 3:19)
- To Simon the sorcerer: (Acts 8:22)

Repentance... Paul preached it

- To the Men of Athens (Acts 17:30)
- To both Greeks and Jews (Acts 20:21)
- To everyone (Acts 26:20)

Point : 2

Our sin put Jesus on the cross.

Peter's declaration:

Acts 2:23 This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.

The kindness of God

(Rom 2:4 NIV) Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness leads you toward repentance?

Godly sorrow

(2 Cor 7:10 NIV) Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

Times of Refreshing

(Acts 3:19 NIV) Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

Now is the day of Salvation

(2 Cor 6:2 NIV) For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

Point : 3

We need to live a lifestyle of repentance

Repent...

- Church in Ephesus: (Rev 2:5)
- Church in Pergamum: (Rev 2:16)
- Church in Thyatira: (Rev 2:21-22)
- Church in Sardis: (Rev 3:3)

Those I love...

(Rev 3:19-20 NIV) Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent. Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.

CONCLUSION