

# The Calvary Chapel New Believers Bible Study Series

## Study Number 7:

## Repentance and Faith

### REPENTANCE

*To repent means to change your mind and attitude about sin, so that you turn from your sin and you turn to God (Jesus Christ) for forgiveness and cleansing.*

#### 1. Who Preached Repentance?

**Matthew 3:2** \_\_\_\_\_

**Matthew 4:17** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mark 6:12** \_\_\_\_\_

**Acts 2:38** \_\_\_\_\_

**Acts 17:30** \_\_\_\_\_

#### 2. What are characteristics of true repentance?

**2 Corinthians 7:9-10** \_\_\_\_\_

**Luke 18:9-14** \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Thessalonians 1:9** \_\_\_\_\_

#### 3. Repentance is a change of three elements:

Intellectual element – A change of mind. What we think.

Emotional element – A change of heart. What we desire.

Volitional element – A change of will. What we do.

With so much of who we are personally effected by true repentance, can you understand why true repentance will be seen in a person's life? This kind of repentance strikes at the inner man or woman, deep within our soul. Something so personal will be demonstrated in a life.

#### 4. It is to be our message to the unbeliever:

**Luke 24:44-48** \_\_\_\_\_

### FAITH

#### 1. How does the Bible define faith?

**Hebrews 11:1** - What is faith? It is the confident assurance that something we want is going to happen. It is the certainty that what we hope for is waiting for us, even though we cannot see up ahead.

It is important that the preliminary definition should be clearly understood, since the following examples in **Hebrews 11** illustrate it. The key is furnished by **Heb. 11:27**, *as seeing him who is invisible*. Faith apprehends as a real fact what is not revealed to the senses. It rests on that fact, acts upon it, and is upheld by it in the face of all that seems to contradict it. Faith is a real seeing. It *apprehends* reality: it is that to which the unseen objects of hope become real and substantial. *Assurance* gives the true idea. It is the firm grasp of faith on unseen fact.

– **Vincent's Word Studies**

Faith is able to believe God despite the obvious conditions. Not a blind faith or a faith that believes a lie and calls it something it is not as an example of faith. It is always a faith in a person (God) in whom we have laid our confidence. It is believing God for what he has said, like "He loves us and died for our sins" that we take in faith and hold to for our salvation. God never asks us to believe a lie, nor does He ask us to ignore reality. God never called us to "check our brains at the door." He only asks us to believe His word, believe in the Son whom He sent to redeem us back to Himself.

2. Where does faith come from?

**Hebrews 12:1-2** \_\_\_\_\_

3. How do we receive our faith?

**Romans 10:17** \_\_\_\_\_

4. The importance of faith:

- We should live by it - **2 Corinthians 5:7**
- We are saved by it - **Ephesians 2:8,9**
- It is our defense (shield) against the enemy - **Ephesians 6:16**
- It never gives up - **Hebrews 11:7, 30**
- It gives us victory over the world and it's problems - **1 John. 5:4**

The principle element in repentance is a change of mind and attitude about Christ; a change from an unbelieving and rejecting attitude to a believing and accepting attitude. True faith in Christ involves the confession and forsaking of sin. True repentance and faith are inseparable. They are mutually dependent upon each other.

*Personal Application Question:* How have I repented and trusted in Christ?

Notes or Questions \_\_\_\_\_

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Assignment: Read **1 John**, memorize **John 1:12, 13**, and pray for one another by name.

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