

Scripture: The Law of God (Exodus 20) & Mark 2:1-17
Singing: 241:1, 7-9 – 123:1 – 121:1-4 – 150:3 – 162:1-2 – 92:1, 8

Repentance and Faith

A. Repentance is necessary but is not saving (Matt. 27:3ff)

B. Repentance needs to be coupled with faith (Mark 1:15)

<p style="text-align: center;">THE LORD'S CALL TO REPENT AND BELIEVE (2) I. What is repentance? II. What is believing the Gospel?</p>

II. What is believing the Gospel?

A. Let's first define the *Gospel* (Mark 1:1)

1. **God announcement** about the Savior of us lost sinners

a. Mark 1:1 & 41 reveals He is *moved with compassion*

b. Mark 2:17 reveals He is *physician of sick and sinful souls*

c. Mark 5:2-6 reveals He *gracious powers knows no limits*

2. **God's announcement** about the forgiveness of our sins

a. Mark 2:10 reveals Jesus' power (authority) to forgive your sins

b. Mark 6:2 (Luke 4:18-19) reveals His rich tidings for the poor

3. **God's announcement** that through Jesus doing and dying He able and willing to be reconciled with us

a. Mark 16:15 reveals this message is to be proclaimed universally

b. Mark 15:37-38 reveals us the **heart of Bible's message**

c. Mark 16:16 reveals the only way to participate in Christ's redemption is through faith

B. What is faith?

1. Faith is the *response of trusting with you heart God's message you hear*

a. Mark 1:17-20 reveals faith in the act of *leaving and cleaving*

b. Mark 2:5 reveals faith in *trusting Jesus with the impossible case*

c. Mark 5:27-28, 34 reveals faith in her *coming to touch Jesus for healing*

d. Mark 9:22-24 reveals faith can be a titanic struggle

C. God summons us to believe the Gospel of His Son Jesus Christ: Mark 16:16

1. Believing is to credit Gospel as **true & act upon it**

a. this is always in tandem with *conviction and repentance*

b. this is your soul response to Jesus' offer to redeem your soul and body

Close: **Repent ye and Believe the Gospel!**

A. As with repentance, faith is God's gift to us sinners: Eph. 1:19-20; 2:8

1. God's act in regeneration precedes our repentance and faith as much as conception precedes life and actions of a child

B. Examine your own hearts!

1. Are you conscious of your heart's response in repenting from sin?

2. Are you conscious of your heart's response in believing on Jesus?

C. Observe God's promise: *He that believeth ... shall be saved* (Mark 16:16)

1. Though assurance may be lacking, all who believe **shall be saved**

Assurance is the fruit that grows out of the root of faith (S. Charnock)

No less a person than God is needed to give us faith, repentance
and assurance. (R. Sibbes)

A letter may be written without a seal. So, grace may be written in the heart
without the seal of assurance set to it. (Thomas Watson)

