

Introduction

- I. Our covenant God is the ultimate, perfect Peacemaker.
- II. We need to learn peacemaking because of the constant reality of conflict in our lives.

Peacemakers: (4) Repentance that Brings Freedom

I. True Repentance

- A. True repentance is a gift from God in which the believer responds to sin by confessing and forsaking sin with true, godly sorrow.

- B. We want to understand the specific details of true repentance: sorrow, confession, change.
 - 1. Sorrow:

2. Confession:

3. Change:

II. Glorious Freedom - there is glorious freedom when we respond to sin in this way.

- A. The text teaches us hiding, concealing, blame-shifting, excuses, and denial will not prosper.

- B. The text tells us that those who confess and forsake shall have mercy.

III. Only Possibility

- A. May we work to change our attitudes and behavior concerning sin in dependence on God's grace. How?

- B. We might throw up our hands in despair, wondering how we can actually do this. God is able.