



THE GREEN PLAIN PROCLAIMER

Volume 28

January 26, 2010

Number 4

ELDERS

John Brinkley
Rex Enoch
Hayes Grady
Billy Joe Stubblefield
Bobby Ward

DEACONS

Robert Barrett
Larry Enoch
Rob Enoch
Bobby Hall
Max Henry
Robert Meredith
Jesse Vincent
Eddie Ward

PREACHER

Robert Meredith
Telephone:
(270) 492-8206

COMING TO JESUS

Hear the Gospel

John 8:32; Romans 10:17

Believe the Gospel

John 8:24; Mark 16:16

Repent of sins

Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 2:38

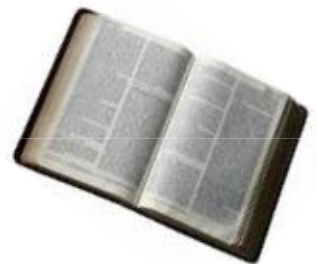
Confess Christ

Matthew 10:32-33; Acts 8:37

Be Baptized

Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21

“Come unto Me...” (Matthew 11:28)



Repentance from a Positive Viewpoint

Wendell Winkler

Repentance has been called “the hardest command;” yet, what wonderful blessings attend the command, “*Repent*” (Acts 2:38). Yes, and what notable sources we have to motivate us to repent (Romans 2:4). Jesus had difficulty getting people to repent (Matthew 11:20-22). It is not hard to get a man to believe; in fact, it is far more difficult to overthrow the testimony and evidence that produces faith. It is not hard to get a genuine penitent to consent to baptism. But, repentance is difficult. Noah could not get the antediluvians to repent (2 Peter 2:5). Jeremiah largely failed in pleading for Israel to repent. John the Baptist preached repentance to Herod, but Herod did not repent (Matthew 14:3-12). Repentance is the most difficult command in the Bible because it strikes at the very taproot of our troubles—**pride**. It is hard for a man to say, “I’ve sinned;” and, this is involved in repentance. Now, in more detail, and from a positive viewpoint, what is repentance?

1. Repentance is the making up of one’s mind to cease doing evil and to do good, to stop serving Satan and to begin serving God, to do an about face, to stop going in

the wrong direction and turn again and start going in the right direction.

Thayer in his monumental lexicon defines the word as, “to change one’s mind for the better, heartily to amend with abhorrence of one’s past sins.” Matthew 12:41 states that the Ninevites repented; and, Jonah 3:10 says, “*They turned from their evil way.*” Therefore, repentance is turning from evil. In Matthew 21:29 we read of one who said he would not go, but afterwards became regretful and went. Therefore, repentance is a change of mind, prompted by godly sorrow, resulting in a change of life. Impenitence is saying, “No” to God. The prodigal (Luke 15:11-24) repented, and, in so doing, he made an about face, turned again, and went home. In 1 Kings 8:47-49 we read that when the people would repent, they would return unto the Lord with all of their heart and with all of their soul. Therefore, repentance is turning again. In Ezekiel 18:30-32 God’s people were called upon to “*repent and turn yourselves.*” In so doing, they would cast away their transgressions and make themselves a new heart and a new spirit. This is repentance. Marshall Keeble used to tell of a little dog snapping at his heels. He said he tapped him on the head with his walking cane and “he repented;” that is, the dog turned and went in the opposite direction. From these observations we can see why repentance and turning are often mentioned together in the Lord’s word (Acts 26:20; Ezekiel 14:6; 18:30). Too, we can understand why Hebrews 6:1 speaks of “*repentance from dead works.*”

II. Repentance is a privilege granted from the Lord after one believes.

“*Him did God exalt...to give repentance to Israel*” (Acts 5:31). “*Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life*” (Acts 11:18). (See also 2 Peter 3:9 and Revelation 2:21) Now, as far as we know, God never granted “*repentance unto life*” to the fallen angels. It appears that when they sinned they were lost forever (2 Peter 2:4). Thank God for the blessing of repentance! Indeed, repentance is a

privilege granted from the Lord to each of us.

III. A brief study of the original words Translated “repentance.”

In the New Testament when the word “repent” is used as a command to an alien sinner (Luke 24:47; Acts 2:38; 3:19) which he must obey to obtain forgiveness of sins, it always conveys the thought of a change of mind resulting in a change of life, preceded by a sorrow for the past. In such cases it is always a translation of the Greek word *metanoeo*. When the word “repent” is used to indicate sorrow or regret it is a translation of the word *metamelomai*, a different word. By a reading of 2 Corinthians 7:8-10 (KJV) the difference in these words can be seen: “*For though I made you sorry with a letter, I do not repent [metamelomai, regret], though I did repent [metamelomen, regret] for I perceive that the same epistle hath made you sorry, though it were but for a season. Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance [metanoian, reformation]: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. For godly sorrow worketh repentance [metamoian, reformation] to salvation not to be repented [metameleton, regretted] of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.*”

IV. Deductions

It can be readily seen that repentance related itself to the mind, the will of man. Yes, it involves the getting of a new mind (Philippians 2:5). And, since the mind controls the actions (Proverbs 4:23; 23:7), one can readily see how important repentance really is! In fact, when one genuinely repents the battle is 90 percent over! Yes, and when one genuinely repents, he does not (1) try to rationalize himself out of sin by saying, “It’s not so bad,” nor (2) does he offer God an apology for his sin by saying, “It’s not my fault,” nor (3) does he blame someone for his sin by saying, “If it had not been for him.” Have you genuinely repented?

News at Green Plain

Our sympathy is extended to **Pansy Henry** and family in the passing of her stepmother, **Louise Hart**. Continue to remember them in your prayers.

5th Sunday: Sunday night, the **31st**, will be **singing night**. After our worship, there will be a **Men's business meeting** followed by our **monthly fellowship meal**.

Youth Devotional: Our monthly **youth devotional** will be hosted by the **Sellars**. We will meet on **Saturday, February 6th**, in the **church annex at 6:00 pm**.



There will be a **baby shower** for **Darren & Rhonda Mays** on **Sunday, February 7th**, from **2:00 - 3:30 pm**.

Home Show: The **Annual Home and Garden Expo** will be at the **RSEC**. Once again we will have a booth set up to pass out tracks, DVD's, etc. There is a great deal of work involved with this evangelistic effort. **If you can help set up and/or take down our booth, or if you are willing to work the booth, please sign up.** The **sign up lists** are on the **bulletin board** in the **foyer**. The Home Show will be **February 12th - 14th**.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the cards, calls, visits, and flowers during the death of my stepmother Louise Hart.

*In Christian love,
Pansy Henry*



Prayer List: **Paul Brandon**, **James "Ed" Edwards** (Betty Enoch's brother-in-law), **Darlene Hale** (Mary Vincent's sister), **Jason Hill** (Amy Barrett's father), **Dub Henry**, **Binita Irvin**, **Warren Jackson**, **Jimmy Shelly** (Robert's uncle), **Ross Simmons**, **Peyton Smith**, **Joan Turnbow** (Betty Enoch's mother), **Ovie Ward** (Bobby's father), **Frances Wyatt** (Roy & Marie Wyatt's sister-in-law) and any who may be in need of our prayers.

Shut-ins: **Anne Brinkley**, **Tom Meredith & Mary Miller**.

DETERMINATION

I am only one, but I am one.

I cannot do everything,

But I can do something.

What I can do, I ought to do;

And what I ought to do

By God's grace I will do.

...Selected

SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

"And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent."

Acts 17:30

ATTENDANCE January 24, 2010

Bible Study	78	Worship P.M.	64
Worship A.M.	95	Mid-week (1-20)	56

GREEN PLAIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
3980 MURRAY PARIS ROAD
HAZEL, KY 42049

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. BULK RATE
U.S. Postage
PAID
Hazel, KY
Permit No. 6

The church building is located
southeast of Murray -
One mile off highway 641 -
Near the corner of the Green
Plain and Murray Paris Roads

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
January 2010

USHERS: Robert & Preston Barrett
ANNOUNCEMENTS: Larry Enoch

PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE
AM: Bobby Ward & Roy Wyatt
Substitute: Bobby Hall

ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE:
AM: Dave Thompson & Jesse Vincent
Substitute: Frank Towery

Sunday PM
1-31.....Frank Pool

SCRIPTURE READING:
1-31.....Bill Stubblefield (Titus 2:11-14)

OPENING PRAYER:
1-31.....Paul Brandon

CLOSING PRAYER:
1-31.....Ira Sellars

COUNT CONTRIBUTION:
Jesse Vincent & Preston Barrett

SONG LEADERS:
Sunday Morning.....Charles Enoch
Sunday Evening.....Chad Canter
Wednesday.....Eddie Ward
Substitute.....Bill Stubblefield

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS:
Isaac Ward & Katelyn Canter

GREETERS: Bobby & Faye Ward

If you are unable to serve, please
contact Jesse Vincent at 293-1537.

 **Mark 13**

1. At what did one of Christ's disciples ask Him to look?
2. What did Peter, James, John and Andrew ask Him privately?
3. What were they to do when they saw the abomination and desolation?
4. Who will know when the 2nd coming of Christ will be?

1. Jesus said there shall not be one stone left upon another of these great buildings (v. 2)
2. Tell us when shall these things be (v. 3)
3. Those that were in Judea were to flee to the mountains (v. 14)
4. No one but the Father (v. 32)


**Remember to
bring snacks
for the
hospital.**


**Pantry Item
Coffee**

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday:

Bible Classes.....10:00 A.M.
Worship.....10:45 A.M.
Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Classes.....7:00 P.M.
For transportation call 492-8206
"A Friendly Welcome Awaits You"

RADIO PROGRAMS

WORDS OF LIFE RADIO BROADCAST
Weekdays, 11:30 AM.WNBS RADIO (1340 AM) Murray, KY

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES RADIO BROADCAST
Sunday, 7:30 A.M...WNBS RADIO (1340 AM) Murray, KY

PHONE:(270) 492-8206
WEB SITE: www.greenplain.org
EMAIL ADDRESS: greenplain@greenplain.org

**SERMON TOPICS FOR
January 31, 2010**

A.M. - The Grace of God

P.M. - Singing Night

WHAT ONE MUST DO TO BE SAVED

Hear the gospel
Jn. 20:30-31; Rom. 10:17

Believe
Rom. 1:16; Acts 18:8; Heb. 11:6

Repent
Lk. 13:3; 24:47; Acts 3:19; 17:30

Confess faith in Christ
Mt. 10:32, Acts 8:37, Rom. 10:10

Be baptized (immersed)
*Mt. 28:19; Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; 10:47-48; 22:16;
Rom. 6:1-6; Gal. 3:27; Col. 2:12; 1 Pet. 3:21*

Continue faithful unto death
Mt. 25:21,34; 2 Pt. 1:1-11; Rev. 2:10; 1 Jn. 1:6-9