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## REPENTANCE

### WHY PREACH REPENTANCE?

1. Positive command (Acts 17:30-31)
2. Lord wants all to repent (2 Peter 3:9)
3. Lost without it (Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38)
4. Universal necessity—ALL men (Luke 24:47)
5. Present obligation—NOW

| WHAT REPENTANCE IS NOT! |        |             |   | WHAT IT IS.                         |
|-------------------------|--------|-------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| FEAR                    | REGRET | SORROW      | REFORM  | 1. 2 Cor. 7:9-10<br>Change of will. |
| Felix                   | Judas  | 2 Cor. 7:10 | Fruit of Rep.   | 2. Illustrated:<br>Matt. 21:29      |
| WHO IS TO REPENT?       |        |             | Alien Sinner (Acts 2:38)<br>Erring Christians (Acts 8:22) |                                     |

## Some People Who Cannot Be Saved

1. **THOSE WHO DO NOT DESIRE IT.** However wonderful heaven is, if a person does not will to go there, then neither he nor his loved ones can have any hope of his going. God does not force one to love Him and to dwell in eternal happiness. Man was made a free moral agent to choose for himself his eternal destiny and God respects his choice, whether it be wise or unwise.

2. **THOSE WHO REFUSE GOD'S WILL.** According to Paul's writing in Romans 10:13-15, people must hear the word and answer the call. The gospel is preached that men may know what to do, and those who refuse to respond cannot please Him (Matthew 7:21).

**3. THOSE WHO HOLD TO THEIR SINS.** Iniquity is a cloud that separates the guilty from God (Isaiah 59:1-2). This cloud must be removed if we would approach God. The one who will not turn from evil will not let God save him (Luke 13:3).

**4. THOSE WHO TRUST IN THEIR OWN WORKS.** To have confidence in self is fine, but no man can save himself (Jeremiah 10:23); additional help must be accepted. A man may decide on what pleases him, but God does not see as do men, and He is the one to specify the conditions by which the lost may return to safety. If he is not obedient, man cannot be saved (Matthew 7:21).

**5. THOSE WHO HOLD GRUDGES.** The Lord said, "*But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses* (Matthew 6:14-15). The one who will not forgive another shows that he has no capacity for the quality, hence can receive none.

**6. THOSE WHO ARE CARELESS.** Since men have no lease on life it is exceedingly unwise to put off serving God. The careless are wasting opportunities, are not true to the Lord, and cannot be saved (Hebrews 2:1-4).

...via Wynne, AR Bulletin

## REMEMBER THE SCARS

John B. Gordon was one of the best generals of the South. He led the last official attacks on the Union at Appomattox that Sunday morning in April, 1865, when Lee surrendered to Grant. General Gordon later became a candidate for the U.S. Senate. A man who had served under him in the confederate army became angry over some political incident, and as a member of the legislature, vowed to do everything in his power to defeat him.

When the convention convened, he stormed down the aisle with his anti-Gordon vote in hand. On the platform sat his old commander with a once handsome face, now disfigured by the scars of battle. As he saw Gordon, memories of the old days came back and he was overcome with emotion. Tears streaming down his cheeks he said, "It's no use, boys, I can't do it! Here goes my vote for John B. Gordon." Then turning to the General he said, "Forgive me, General, I had forgotten the scars!"

If you are one of those who once marched and won victories under the banner of Jesus, now fighting against Him, read Luke 23. Then you may say, "Forgive me Father, I had forgotten the scars."

...Selected

## DIG A LITTLE DEEPER

One of the fascinating stories of Biblical Archaeology concerns the discovery of ancient Nineveh. For a long time no one was sure where to look for the ruins of Nineveh and possible sites were a matter of considerable debate among scholars.

In the early 1840s an amateur French archaeologist named Paul Botta hired a crew of native diggers and began excavating a likely looking mound on the banks of the Tigris River. After several weeks of fruitless digging, however, Botta concluded he was searching in the wrong place. He moved to another location. Soon afterwards, Henry Layard, an English archaeologist, began digging on the site which Botta had abandoned.

With almost the first shovel full of dirt, Layard struck the walls of one of the great palaces of Nineveh! If only Botta had dug a few inches deeper he would have made one of the great archaeological finds of all time and would have been hailed as the "Discoverer of Nineveh" instead of Layard!

There are many areas of life where we need to stay on and dig a little deeper.

- 1) **Church Changes.** Some church members are too ready to abandon their home congregation and place membership elsewhere if all does not go to suit them. They join a disgruntled parade of church transients who make the rounds of churches looking for a "perfect" congregation. What is needed is members who will stay and work a little harder to improve things where they are (1 Cor. 15:58).
- 2) **Preacher Changes.** Churches frequently fire preachers for the flimsiest of reasons. Preachers sometimes elect to leave over trifles. What is needed is a willingness for preachers and congregations to work together "for better or worse." Churches need to back their preachers and patiently help them cultivate their talents. Instead of resigning their pulpits, preachers need to "re-sign"—to renew their commitment and dig deeper where they are (2 Tim. 4:1-5).
- 3) **Job Changes.** Job dissatisfaction is a common fact of twenty-first century life. Many who are dissatisfied with their working conditions flit unhappily from one job to another, constantly searching for a situation more nearly resembling their dream career. There are good and valid reasons for changing from one job to another, but often the problem lies within us and not with our job. We need, at times, to dig a little deeper and do our work where we are as though we are doing it for the Lord (Eph. 6:7).

- 4) **Mate Changes.** We live in the divorcing-est generation in history! A couple marries and then when the inevitable problems arise they shrug and say, "Let's call the whole thing off." We need commitment to stick together no matter what! God meant for marriage to last for life (Mt. 19:9; Mal. 2:16). We all need to dig deeper for the happiness and fulfillment which God intends for marriage.

Are you discouraged? Burned out? Disappointed? Tired? Dissatisfied? Ready to move on to greener pastures? Dig a little deeper right where you are!  
...Copied



**Prayer List:** Steve Delaney (Robert & Teri's brother-in-law), James "Ed" Edwards (Betty Enoch's brother-in-law), Warren Jackson, Joan Turnbow (Betty Enoch's mother), Gail Wright, 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.

## News at Green Plain

**Green Plain School of Biblical Studies** continues each Monday night through **December 7th**, for the fall, 2009 session. The subjects are **Pre-millennialism, Hermeneutics, The Work of the Church, & the book of James**. Please be bringing canned drinks and snacks.

### SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

"Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in heaven" Matthew 7:21

### ATTENDANCE September 20, 2009

|              |    |                 |    |
|--------------|----|-----------------|----|
| Bible Study  | 65 | Worship P.M.    | 67 |
| Worship A.M. | 81 | Mid-week (9-16) | 79 |

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

**THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE  
September 2009**

USHERS: Jesse Vincent & Roy Wyatt  
ANNOUNCEMENTS: Rob Enoch

PRESIDE AT THE LORD'S TABLE:  
A.M.: Chad Canter & Larry Enoch  
Substitute: Rex Enoch

ASSIST AT THE LORD'S TABLE :  
A.M.: Paul Brandon & Robert Barrett  
Substitute: Max Henry

Sunday P.M.  
9-27.....Chad Canter

SCRIPTURE READING:  
9-27.....Bobby Hall (Acts 10:1-5)

OPENING PRAYER:  
9-27.....Bill Stubblefield

CLOSING PRAYER:  
9-27.....John Brinkley

COUNT CONTRIBUTION:  
Jesse Vincent & Roy Wyatt

SONG LEADERS:  
Sunday Morning...Charles Enoch  
Sunday Evening...Eddie Ward  
Wednesday.....James Pigg  
Substitute.....Larry Enoch

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS:  
Cody Canter & Lofton Pigg

GREETERS: Paul & Sue Brandon  
LAWN CARE: Jesse Vincent

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

 **Matthew 23**

1. Whom did Jesus refer to as hypocrites?
2. How many times did He call them hypocrites?
3. Who was slain between the Temple and the Altar?
4. Jesus said their house was left what?

1. The scribes & Pharisees (v. 13)
2. 7 (vs. 13, 14, 15, 23, 25, 27, 29)
3. Zacharias (v. 35)
4. Desolate (v. 38)

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

**Pantry Item  
Canned Beans**

**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  
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**RADIO PROGRAMS**

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

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**SERMON TOPICS FOR  
September 27, 2009**

A.M. - Cornelius

P.M. - The Consequences of Sin

**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*