

8/28/22 Picnic service

Sermon – This is what Repentance looks like. *Pavillion” Tent Revival

Scripture – Luke 19:1-10, 2 Tim 3:1-5

Main Message – The fruit of repentance also include undoing wrongs, showing mercy to those around you in need, and demonstrating to the outside world you are a new creation.

Someone today needs to hear part two of this very important message on repentance. Most people think that repentance is a mere change in mindset. Today I'll take us all on a deeper and much more complete look at what true repentance looks like. But first....

One does not have to look farther than into your very own soul and see that there are imperfections, flaws, unwholesome and selfish thoughts. This is the hell we bring into this world. As frustration within us continues to brew we can become short tempered and impatient. We can look out into the world and constantly compare situations, see things only from our own vantage point and become totally self-centered regarding the fairness of the world. This is the hell many can't escape. Are you hurting inside? Are you feeling like you are broken, and nothing seems to go your own way. Do you have bad health? Do you have few friends and those seem distant? Perhaps your surrounded by people, but feel alone in your own thoughts. Do you want a more vibrant, richer and peaceful life, but it just seems out of reach and now you have given up trying. There is an increasing quality of brokenness in the world and I'm going to tell you why. ***Jesus isn't even on most people's radar anymore. As we walk away from God we can see an increase in evil in this world. We see morals decline, wholesome values washed away, and selfishness take hold. Hell isn't a destination; we bring it right along with us.*** We need the Kingdom of Heaven here right now. It's a choice we can make, Have hell on earth, or heaven on earth. Either way we are here on Earth and Jesus would rather us choose Heaven!

Hear now what God's word says in Paul's 2nd Letter to Timothy in chapter 3.

Does that sound familiar? Isn't that an excellent description of the times? Our progression away from God Almighty is not improving our lifestyle but is undermining it. You can resist all you want. You can keep battling your own conscience. You can exhaust your resources completely striving for that which does not satisfy the craving in your Spirit. All that brokenness in the world I've spoken about... well it has been true and is still true to this day, The Wages of Sin is Death. Jesus came to this world to free our very soul from this bondage. Jesus told us a vital step and that is to repent. Hear now from the Gospel of Luke, chapter 19.

This man Zaccheus sought Jesus. He was seen by others as a sinner, a traitor perhaps to the Jews since he was a tax collector and was no ones friend. He was rich, and he used his authority to gain even more. When Jesus came and dined with him and showed him what true LOVE was, even in the face of ridicule. Zaccheus called HIM LORD first. He demonstrated repentance by giving half of what he had to the poor. He returned 4X what he extorted from others. He was giddy happy because His heart was released from the bondage of sin and the past that haunted him. Jesus gave him the message for all to hear and for all time, TODAY, Salvation has come to this house! Heaven on earth.

Do you want to be set free? Do you need to have your hurts, your pains, your conscience made shiny and new. COME TO JESUS and REPENT and do that which your heart tells you must be done. Your heart will convict you of what must be done. Trust your heart in this matter and DO it. Then salvation from the Lord will come. This is what Believing upon Jesus is all about. Become a new creation, and know that Almighty God's grace and mercy is yours forever. We all need it now more than ever.