

The Missing Word - Repent

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I. Introduction.

A. Salvation is not only reconciliation—it is experiencing the life of Christ. (Romans 5:10)

B. The missing word keeping us from moving into this kind of life may be repentance for you.

II. Repentance is one of the most positive words in the Bible.

A. It means to have another mind.

B. It means to empty our hands of all our garbage and receive Christ's life.

III. Jesus came to call sinners to repentance. (Mark 2:17, 6:7)

IV. Repentance sets a person free and brings a person joy. (Luke 13:1)

V. The disciples called sinners to repent after evangelism. (Acts 2:36, 17:29, 20:17)

A. Paul wanted to see works consistent with repentance.

B. The disciples preached repentance because Jesus told them to.

C. The first word to many of the churches in revelation was to repent. (Revelation 2)

VI. We are given repentance so that we might enjoy the fullness of the Christian life.

Application questions:

1. Why did the disciples preach repentance and not belief only?

2. How does joy result from repentance?

3. How would you respond to someone who says that asking sinners to repent is asking them to perform a good work they are unable to do apart from Christ?
