The Book of Acts – Repentance of Sin

Acts 3

1. The healing of the lame man by Peter and John
2. The second sermon of Peter to the Jews at the temple

**Peter’s sermon has three elements**

1. The preaching of Jesus Christ crucified
2. The preaching of personal sin
3. The preaching of repentance for the forgiveness of sin

**Christ crucified & risen - God’s planned purpose for salvation**

1. God glorified Jesus in His death at the hands of the sinful people – 3:13

 Acts 2:23 – this man delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to the cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death

 Acts 4:27 – 28

1. God raised Jesus from the dead – 3:15

 Acts 2:24 – but God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it is impossible for Him to be held in its power

1. God promised through the prophets that Jesus Christ would suffer death the fulfillment of prophecy – Acts 3:18

 Luke 24:27 – the beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures

 Acts 26:22 -23

1. God raised Jesus from the dead and sent Him to bless you by repenting of sinful ways– 3:26

**You have sinned**

1. You delivered Jesus into the hands of Pilate – 3:13
2. You disowned the Holy and Righteous Jesus asked for a murderer to be granted you – 3:14
3. You acted in ignorance – 3:17

 Luke 24:34 – But Jesus was saying, Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing

 Acts 13:27

**Repentance of sins brings forgiveness of sins**

1. Faith in the name of Jesus Christ brought healing to the lame man – 3: 16
2. Repentance of sins brings forgiveness of sins – 3:19

 Acts 2:38, 8:22, 17:30, 26:20

 Isa. 30:15 – For thus the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, has said, in repentance and rest you will be saved, in quietness and trust is your strength. But you were not willing

**The nature of true gospel repentance**

1. **False repentance**

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Heb. 12:17 – for you know that even afterwards, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought for it with tears

1. When a person has fearfulness & worry about his sinful lifestyle but keeps sinning
2. When a person makes resolutions not to keep sinning but keeps sinning Jer. 2:20 - you said, I will not serve for on every high hill and under every green tree you have laid down as a harlot

 Sincere resolutions come in the storm of pain & troubles but will die in the calm when storms & pains go away

1. Resolutions not to sin result from the pain of sin not from the sinfulness of sin
2. When a person leaves some sins but keeps other sins
3. When a person leaves an old sin for a new sin
4. When a person leaves a sin because it does not help him in his personal affairs but continues to sin in other ways – it might harm his health, affect his business, harm his family & friends
5. **True Gospel Repentance**
6. Repentance sees the sinfulness of sin

 Luke 15:17 – he came to himself – The prodigal saw himself as a sinner

 Rom 7:13 – rather it was sin, in order that it might be shown to be sin by effecting my death through that which is good, so that through the commandment sin would become utterly sinful

 Before a man can come to Christ he must come to himself!

 Many who see faults in others see none in themselves!

1. Repentance sorrows over the sin

 Ps. 38:18 – I am full of anxiety because of my sin

 Luke 7:38 – she stood at his feet weeping

 Ps. 51:17 – the sacrifices of God are broken and contrite heart

 2 Cor. 7:9 – godly sorrow leads to repentance

1. Godly sorrow comes from the heart – Acts 2:37
2. Godly sorrow is for heart sins – pride & passions
3. Godly sorrow is sincerely sorrow for the offense not the punishment Ps. 51:3
4. Godly sorrow is trustful – sorrow for sin trusting God to forgive
5. Godly sorrow great sorrow – sorrow from deep in the heart – sorrow for sin must surpass worldly sorrow
6. Godly sorrow brings restitution – Luke 19:8 – if I have taken anything from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.
7. Godly sorrow is continual – Matt. 5:4 – blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted
8. Repentance confesses sin

 Luke 18:13 – God be merciful to me a sinner

 1 John 1:9 – if we confess our sin

 Self – accusing prevents Satan’s accusing!

 1 Cor. 11:31 – if we would judge ourselves we should not be judged

1. Confession must be voluntary
2. Confession is heart wounding
3. Confession is sincere
4. Confession is specific
5. Confession resolves not to act in sin again

1. Repentance shames at sin

Luke 15:21 – I am not worthy to be called a son anymore

1. Every sin makes us guilty, and guilt breeds shame
2. Every sin is full of unthankfulness – Isa. 1:2
3. Every sin reveals our true condition breeds shame – Gen. 3:7

 Zeph. 3:5 – the unjust know no shame

 Ezra 9:6 – O my God I blush to lift my face

1. Repentance hates sin

 Ps. 119:104 – I hate every false way

1. Sin is hated when man’s spirit is set against sin
2. Sin is hated in all its forms
3. Repentance turns from sin

 Joel 2:12 – return to Me with all your heart

 Acts 3:19 – Repent & return

1. It must be a turning from sin with the heart – Jer. 3:10
2. It must be a turning from all sin – isa. 5:5,7
3. It must be a turning from sin and turning to God – Acts 26:20, 20:21
4. It must be a turning from sin never to return to it again – Hos. 14:8, Isa. 9:13
5. Turning from Sin to God – God turns to us – Ps. 86:16,Zech. 1:3