

STEP INTO GOD'S
**GREAT
GLORY**

DATE: 24 March 2019

SERMON TITLE: Stop Hugging the Cactus – Ps Ray Bevan

WELCOME: Welcome all New Visitors. Do an Icebreaker.

WORSHIP: SING: 1 Praise Song & 2 Worship Songs. During Prayer Time focus on God's GREATNESS AND POWER!

WORD

“The greatest power on the face of the earth is the gospel of Jesus Christ.” ~Ps Ray Bevan

Question: Can you remember what Ps Ray said, what is one of the most misrepresented aspects of the new covenant and what is the result?

Answer: Repentance. Misunderstanding this will block prodigals from returning and hinder Christians from living the life God has for them.

Question: Will God use guilt in a believer's life to motivate change?

Answer: No – the devil is the accuser and reminds us of our past. Martin Luther was a Greek-Scholar and the Bible he used was a Latin translation of the original Greek text. When he almost had a nervous breakdown he was sent to teach at a university, where he started teaching from the original Greek text. He came across the word repentance.

Question: Can you remember the difference in the meaning of the Latin and Greek words for repentance?

Answer: Latin: Due penance
Greek (Metanoia): Change the way you think.

Question: What did this reveal to Martin Luther about a relationship with God?

Answer: That it is by faith in the grace of God that I can have a relationship with God.

Read: Acts 20:20-21, Romans 2:4b

Question: What do these verses reveal about repentance?

Answer: That repentance is changing the way you think about God. When you do that, the result will be turning away from sin.

OWN NOTES:

Question: How do most believers define repentance?

Answer: A morbid introspection coupled with deep feelings of remorse and shame, self-condemnation expressed through many tears.

“Many people cower under the conditional recipe for relationship with God that is totally dependent on the depth of their repentance rather than the depth of God’s grace.”

Question: What was the single event that changed the conditional nature of the Old Covenant?

Answer: The Cross of Jesus changed everything – it eliminated the condition.

Read: Ephesians 2:8-9

Question: Whose sacrifice is Christianity based on, ours or **Jesus’**?

“Religion says behave to be accepted by God – grace says BELIEVE YOU HAVE ALREADY been accepted.”

Read: Acts 16:30-31; John 3:16; Matthew 11:28-30 (MSG)

Question: What must we do first, repent or **believe**?

The Biblical approach to repentance:

Question: How does the Old Testament design of the arc of the covenant enhance our understanding of grace and repentance?

Answer: The law was put out of God’s sight (no one could meet God’s standard which demands holiness). Yet the mercy seat of pure gold covered law and was bigger – mercy is always bigger than law... On the mercy seat, a sacrifice was made (someone paid for their sin – New Testament = Jesus). The Cherubim (type of angel) faced each other but looked through the sacrificed blood at each other (reflection from the golden lid where the sacrifice was made) meaning God looks at us through the filter of Jesus’ sacrifice and sees perfection.

“The moment your focus shifts from your badness to His goodness – the result will be repentance.”

Read: Acts 10:43-44; Acts 13:38-39 (NLT)

Question: When does the Holy Spirit interrupt Peter’s message (Acts 10)?

Answer: The moment people believes that they are forgiven... Repentance was not demanded before forgiveness was received. Repentance was demonstrated after forgiveness was received.

Question: The gospel of John is the most read Gospel worldwide... How many times does it speak on repentance and how many times on belief?

Answer: Repentance is not mentioned once – but belief in Jesus is mentioned more than 70 times.

Question: What is the only sin God sees when looking at us through the cross?

Answer: Forgiven sin.

“Jesus tells the parable of the Prodigal son, not to expose the sin of the prodigal but to expose the judgmental attitude of the brother. Even when returning home, the prodigal son’s motives are selfish, yet the father runs to him and the party is arranged and celebrated before any fruit of repentance was evident and the son is restored.”

OWN NOTES:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer:

Monday Evenings 17:30 – 18:30 pm

Friday Mornings 5:45 to 6:45 am

Pre-Prayer Sunday’s – AM 07:45 / PM 17:10

Thursday Prayer Nights 17:30 – 18:30 (Intersession)

Business Home-Cell:

Friday 05 April 2019

NMO: Monday 08 April 2019 @ 19:00pm

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Prayer and Target Lists

Homecell Goals!