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when life is a big, stinky mess.



PRAYER *for the* NATION





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Luke 3:1-14

Change is not **EASY**

Change is usually **PAINFUL**

Change is always **AMAZING**

A photograph of a church choir singing. Five people are visible in profile, facing right. They are holding red hymnals. The background shows a dark wall and a stained glass window.

Can they Change?

repentance

All true change starts with repentance
We need to know who can change us
& how to change

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names & places?

Proof that Bible is absolutely True & Reliable

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who was this man?



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| 1. He was the Son of Zechariah | 3:2 |
| 2. He was a wilderness man | 3:2 |
| 3. He was a baptizer | 3:3 |
| 4. He was Forerunner of Christ | 3:4-6 |
| 5. He was a powerful preacher
of repentance | 3:7-9 |

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what is repentance?

Repentance is heartfelt sorrow for sin, a renouncing of it, & a sincere commitment to forsake it & walk in obedience to Christ

....it is a 180 degree change in thinking & actions

...it is a turning from sin & turning to God

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repentance is major theme in Bible

Old Testament:

Ezekiel 18:30-32

"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God; so turn, and live."

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New Testament:

John Baptist:

Mat 3:1: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.

Jesus:

MT 4:17 Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

Apostles:

Acts 2:38 '..repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus for the
forgiveness of your sins...'

Revelation: Rev. 2:5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works
you did at first

repentance is missing from church today

"Christianity has not been tried and found wanting it has been left untried because it is too hard" (G.K. Chesterton)

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repentance is key to Salvation & Growth

1. Justification

we need to repent to be saved

repentance is part of Biblical Faith

2. Sanctification

we must practice repentance everyday

HAVE YOU?

ARE YOU?

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Jesus Paid it All

(Hymn #210)

by Elvina M. Hall and John T. Grape

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete

“Jesus died my soul to save”
My lips shall still repeat

**Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe**

**Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow**

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