

Change Begins with Repentance Shine in a Dark World – Part 2

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Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NIV2011) He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

Mark 1:14-15 (ESV) ... Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Acts 2:38 (ESV) And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

1 John 1:9 (ESV) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1. Why do God's people _____

Jeremiah 2:5 (ESV) Thus says the LORD: "What wrong did your fathers find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthlessness, and became worthless?"

Jeremiah 2:11 (ESV) Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for that which does not profit.

Jeremiah 2:13 (ESV) for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

2. Consequences of _____

Jeremiah 4:6-7 (ESV) Raise a standard toward Zion, flee for safety, stay not, for I bring disaster from the north, and great destruction. A lion has gone up from his thicket, a destroyer of nations has set out; he has gone out from his place to make your land a waste; your cities will be ruins without inhabitant.

Jeremiah 4:14 (ESV) O Jerusalem, wash your heart from evil, that you may be saved. How long shall your wicked thoughts lodge within you?

Jeremiah 4:18 (ESV) Your ways and your deeds have brought this upon you. This is your doom, and it is bitter; it has reached your very heart."

3. God's call to _____

Jeremiah 3:14-15 (ESV) Return, O faithless children, declares the LORD; for I am your master; I will take you, one from a city and two from a family, and I will bring you to Zion. "And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.

Jeremiah 4:1-2 (ESV) "If you return, O Israel, declares the LORD, to me you should return. If you remove your detestable things from my presence, and do not waver, and if you swear, 'As the LORD lives,' in truth, in justice, and in righteousness, then nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory."

Lamentations 3:32-33 (ESV) but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not afflict from his heart or grieve the children of men.

Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily time of Bible reading & prayer (Jeremiah 2-4)
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

Invite a friend to attend the service next week.

How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

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Intro. What do you think the phrase “God has set eternity in the human heart” means (Ecclesiastes 3:11)?

Intro. Why does the response God desires from the Gospel always begin with repentance (Mark 1:14-15, Acts 2:38)?

Intro. How is repentance important in the life of a believer (1 John 1:9, Luke 11:3)?

1A. How do those who go after idolatry become worthless (Jeremiah 2:5)?

1B. Why did Israel leave the glory of God for things which had no value (Jeremiah 2:11)?

1C. How does Jeremiah 2:13 contrast God with idols?

1D. Why would Christians today stray from and forsake the Lord?

2A. What were the consequences of rebellion against the Lord (Jeremiah 4:6-7)?

2B. What was the Lord calling on Israel to do in light of the impending disaster (Jeremiah 4:14)?

2C. Is there a time when repentance will not prevent God' judgement (Jeremiah 4:18)?

2D. What consequences can Christians expect for sin in their lives?

3A. What characteristics did the Lord intend for the shepherds of Israel to have (Jeremiah 3:14-15)?

3B. What three conditions did the Lord give for Israel's return to Him and what would be the result (Jeremiah 4:1-2)?

3C. What does Lamentations 3:32-33 tell us about God's heart of compassion for His people?

3D. In what ways is repentance important for spiritual growth in a believer's life?

3E. How can you return to the Lord in different areas of your life?