

# REPENTANCE

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Preparing for Revival and Resurrection



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The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, <sup>2</sup> as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

“I will send my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way” —

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<sup>3</sup> “a voice of one calling in the wilderness,  
‘Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.’”

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<sup>4</sup> And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

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<sup>5</sup> The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.

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<sup>6</sup> John wore clothing made of camel's hair,  
with a leather belt around his waist, and he  
ate locusts and wild honey.



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<sup>7</sup> And this was his message: “After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie.

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<sup>8</sup> I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”



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<sup>9</sup> At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

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<sup>10</sup> Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.

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<sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

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<sup>12</sup> At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, <sup>13</sup> and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

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  - Chronologically because he is ushering in a new reign

If Jesus is right in announcing  
the presence of a new Kingdom,  
sides must be chosen!

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  - Where have we listened to the lie that the kingdom is not real or not near?



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- Offer him your “YES!”

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- Believe:

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- Believe:
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- Believe:
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  - Live like it is real

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- Believe:
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- Celebrate!



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Is to reorient your life to the rule of the King,  
to the reality of the Kingdom and to  
community of the kingdom people.



When people are right with God, they are apt to be hard on themselves and easy on other people. But when they are not right with God, they are easy on themselves and hard on other people.

Christ has taken our nature into heaven to represent us; and has left us on earth with His nature to represent Him.

Our work is great; our time is short; the consequences of our labors are infinite.

I am persuaded that love and humility are  
the highest attainments in the school of  
Christ and the brightest evidences that He is  
indeed our Master.

Whoever is truly humbled – will not be easily angry, nor harsh or critical of others. He will be compassionate and tender to the infirmities of his fellow-sinners, knowing that if there is any difference – it is grace alone which has made it!





Where is there evidence in your  
life of  
Kingdom Repentance?

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