

### **Teaching and practice of repentance and is it still relevant today?**

The practice of repentance is, as we all know is a turning from sin, and turning to God. The thought is, what happens when repentance is not practiced.

In 2 Chronicles 7:14, the Lord shows us what can happen when his people repent. The scripture reads: If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

As we all should know that we so desperately need is a turning back to God and this is impossible without genuine repentance.

An Old Testament case of repentance is that king David in Psalms 51 verse 3 says: for I acknowledge my transgression and my sin is ever before me. King David's repentance brought a restoration of the joy of his salvation. We as God's people need to realize that our sin and disobedience to God brings God's wrath and judgments upon an individual's life or upon a country as a whole.

We have to realize that God is our only hope, for healing in this land, and the only way that can happen is if his chosen people repent.

A New Testament key note of repentance is the preaching of John the Baptist. Matthew 3:2 says: Repent for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand. Our teaching of repentance is just like the teaching of John, without repentance, one will not be saved.

Jesus taught in his ministry the same teachings that we teach. Jesus said in Mark 1:15: The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God is at hand: Repent ye and believe the gospel.

From day to day and year to year the things of this world changes, but the word of God will never change, and it will always be relevant for one to repent through Godly sorrow and have that born again experience.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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