

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17 & Mark 1:1-23 #9 Doctrine of Church
Singing: 182:1, 2, 5, 7 – 2:2-3 – 275:1-4 – 309:1-2 – 368:1-2

- A. The theme of Jesus' first sermon is still the same: Repent ye! (Rev. 2-3)
- B. Jesus' public ministry soon 'decreased' His favor with men
 - 1. He preached a 'new doctrine' (Mark 1:17; 2:7)
 - 2. He chose unusual disciples (Mark 1:15-17)
 - 3. He lived with different standards (Mark 2:15-16; 3:2-6; 7:1-5)
- C. When challenged He answered His Kingdom would be all new: Mark 2:19-22
 - 1. Kingdom of God (Mark 1:15) is *His spiritual reign in His Church*
 - 2. The Kingdom life begins with a *change of thinking* (repentance)

God's message: Jesus calls you to repent!

I. You must know what to repent means

- A. Repent means **radical change in how you think and live**
 - 1. This radical change is fruit of Holy Spirit's work: Eph. 2:1-4; 4:17-19
 - 2. This radical change affects every part of your earthly life
 - 3. Repentance is the *re-wiring* of your heart
 - a. begins small and imperfect like all human life begins (1 Cor 13:11)

- B. As God re-wires your heart, your whole person will respond to God's truth

II. You must also know that Jesus requires this

- A. To repent is His command (Acts 17:30; Rev. 2:5, 16; 3:3)
- B. Yet His command is rooted in love and an invitation to a better life
 - 1. He is ready to bless but if clinging to sins, He will not bless you

Reflect: Repent is *change in every area not in life with God's will!*



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Good morning, children. I am so glad you are here today!
May God help you to do 4 L's:
to Listen to God
to Learn about God
to Leave sin against God
to Live for God

1. Fill in Jesus' first sermon: *The _____ is _____, and the _____ Of God is at hand. _____ ye and _____ the _____.*

2. Circle the words that explain **repent**:

- change - improve - wash
clean - repeat - turn - go back

3. True or False:

- When you repent from sin, it means you take away your sin.
- You only need to repent once in your life.
- Repent means you need to change your heart.
- To repent is only possible with God's Spirit's help.
- When you heart feels bad about what you did, then you repented.
- A child that repents from sin will never do that sin again.
- To hate and flee all sins you see shows that your heart is changed.

4. Jesus commands you to repent in how you to think, live, talk, play, and work.
Why does the Lord Jesus commands you to do this?

So, dear children, don't be a hearer only. Jesus calls you do be a doer of what He said. When you come home, go to your bedroom and talk to Jesus about your heart. He commanded you but you maybe you struggle to do what He told you.

That's why you should pray. Jesus knows you cannot break away from sin. He knows you cannot fix your own heart. But He is ready to do this in you! He even said in Proverbs 23:26, "Give me thine heart." He did not say, 'Give me your *good or clean* heart.'

