

“GO, and TELL!!”

Part 7: “Repent AND Believe!”

John 3:16-21, 6:25-40, 20:30-31; Acts 2:38-39, 16:31, 17:30-31; Matthew 16:24-25; Luke 14:25-33



Introduction: Being confronted with God’s holiness and His indictment of the entire human race, we rejoice in the “bridge of grace” that God built for all who would believe in Jesus!

John 3:16: “ ... He gave His only Son SO THAT whoever believes in HIM should not perish but have eternal life!”

The Gospel does call for a response, but it is more of a “command” than it is an “invitation.”

“Repentance AND Faith” IS the response of those who are born again by the Spirit of God!

The clearest evidence that you ARE a true believer is that BOTH repentance AND faith are present in your life.

II Corinthians 5:17-18, 13:5: “Examine yourselves ... Test yourselves ...” (13:5).

I. The Spirit of God produces new life!

John 3:3: “ ... unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God!”

Titus 3:3-7: “ ... HE saved us ... by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit” (vs. 5).

Where there is regeneration, where there is new life in Christ by the work of the Spirit, there is a change ... a new heart, a new mind and a new WILL !!!

Philippians 2:12-13: “ ...for it is GOD who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure!” (vs. 13).

Ezekiel 36:25-27: “ ... I will give you a new heart and a new spirit ... I will put MY Spirit within you” (vss. 26-27).

John 1:12-13: “To all who did receive Him, who believed in His name ... who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh or the will of man, but of God!”

The result of knowing that the Spirit of God produces new life is assurance and power !!!

II. The Spirit of God produces repentance ...

To “repent” means to turn around, to change direction.

II Corinthians 7:10: “For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret ...”

Psalms 51:1-17: “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me ...” (vs. 10).

Acts 11:18: “To the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life!”

Matthew 16:24-25: “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me!” (vs. 24).

True “repentance,” produced by the Spirit, moves you to desire to please GOD more than your SELF !!

The very purpose of God in His children is that we are sanctified and in the process of being conformed to the image of Jesus Christ!

III. The Holy Spirit produces faith!!

John 6:26-29: “THIS is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent” (vs. 29).

John 6:35-40: “ALL that the Father has given Me WILL come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out” (vs. 37).

Romans 6:20-23: “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!” (vs. 23).

The FAITH produced by the Holy Spirit is inseparably connected to turning from sin and following Christ!

Galatians 2:20: “I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives IN me!!!”