

Everyday Life: Sin & Repentance



Big Idea Goal

That Mercy Hill Church would be made new as we follow the One who is making all things new!



Sermon Text

Psalm 51:1-9, 2 Sam 11:1-5, 14-17. 2 Sam 12:1-10, 13-14



Big Idea

We have been given the gift of life and the greatest opportunity, which is union with the Triune God. Repentance is the doorway to changing our direction to accept that invitation, the invitation of Life in the Kingdom of God. Repentance is the doorway and path we continually walk to accept this invitation. All of life is repentance.

An Overview of Sin (vs 3-5)

In a sense our sin has always been, is, and will always be a rejection of what God offers. Sin says: God is not enough. Sin isn't just a violation of a set of rules or moral codes. It is so much more than that. Sin is a rejection of God

Sin reaches into every aspect of our person. It is inherent in our nature and we are powerless and hopeless apart from the work of Christ. We are too very adept at tolerating in ourselves, the very things we attack in others

Christ Our Hope (vs 7)

Restoration begins and ends in God and He has given us up Christ, crushing him for our sake, and this is the reason for Christmas. In David's cry for restoration from verse 6-9, he begins with God as the initiator. What this underscores is God's willingness to get into the trenches with you in your sin. You are never left alone in sin.

There is simply no sin that is too great or too dire for God. What empowers confession, owning our sins and repentance is the sacrifice of Christ which secures for us the truth that we are always loved and accepted...if we are willing to come to Christ

Repentance (vs 1-5, 8-9)

Due to our immense capacity for self deception, accurate self awareness is a grace from God. We cannot make ourselves aware of sins or make ourselves repent. So we regularly ask God to show us our sins. We own our sins by seeing ourselves as cripples in need of crutches. David makes no excuses for his sins. He owns it outrightly and repeatedly.

David appeals to the mercy of God. He employs no half hearted measures hence the repeated use of the phrases "blot out my sins/transgressions, cleanse, wash me" David throws himself at the mercy of God seeking reconciliation. Today we have the benefit of the Cross with Christ throwing himself on the Cross for our sake



Homework

- Practice setting aside time to reflect upon the patterns of sins in your life. (You could take one of the 7 deadly sins and reflect on how often it shows up. You could take one of the fruit of the spirit, and reflect on its absence)
- Read Luke 18:9-14
- Imagine yourself praying next to the Pharisee and then next to the tax collector. What do you notice?
- Do you find yourself avoiding the notion of your sinfulness with God? Consider why that might be the case and bring it to God in prayer
- Have there been areas of blindness to your sins, where you now clearly see? What was the movement from blindness to sight like?
- Consider reading John 21:1-23 and leveraging some of the same questions above.