**1 – Preaching Jesus & His Plan Of Salvation**

Mark 16:15-16

2 - **Preaching Jesus**Are we ready?

1. **His origin, identity and nature. -**
2. **The prophesied Messiah.**
3. **The life He lived in the flesh.**
4. **His death and resurrection.**
5. **His church.**
6. **His “plan” of salvation.**
7. **His second coming.**

3 - **We must repent.**

We **repent** after we **hear** the word of God, **believe** the word and **confess** **Jesus** as the **Messiah** and our **own sinfulness**.

4 - **We must repent.**

**Commanded by the Lord:**

* + ***“I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”* (Luke 13:3, 5; Luke 24:47)**

**Preached by the apostles:**

* + ***God “commands all people everywhere to repent.”* (Acts 17:30; ESV 2:38; 3:19)**

5 - **What is repentance?**

* ***metanoia*** – “the **change of mind** of those who have begun to **abhor their errors** and misdeeds, and have **determined to enter upon a better course of life**” (Thayer).
* “…‎hence signifies ‘to change one's mind or purpose,’ always, in the NT, involving a **change for the better**’ (Vine's Expository Dictionary)
* It is the **change of mind** which **produces** a **change of life**!

6 - **Demands of Repentance**

**Not just a “feeling” or attitude, repentance requires that we do something.**

* **Note in Luke 3:8-14 after being instructed to “…*bear fruits in keeping with repentance*” that 3 groups of people each asked “*what shall we do?”* (cf., Acts 26:20, *“…performing deeds appropriate to repentance.”*)**
* **Note that repentance doesn’t mean there aren’t temporal consequences. (Luke 23:40-43)**

7 - **What is repentance?**

*“For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death. 11 For behold what* ***earnestness*** *this very thing, this godly sorrow, has produced in you: what* ***vindication*** *of yourselves, what* ***indignation****, what* ***fear****, what* ***longing****, what* ***zeal****, what* ***avenging******of wrong****! In everything you* ***demonstrated*** *yourselves to be innocent in the matter.”* (2 Corinthians 7:10-12)

8 - **What is repentance?**

What is the difference between the *“****sorrow of the world****”* and *“****the sorrow that is according to the will of God****”?*

**Godly sorrow *“produces”* several things**.

* it’s a “*repentance without regret*”
* Note the contrast between Peter’s sorrow (Luke 22:62) and Judas’ sorrow (Matthew 27:3-5).
* It changes our attitude towards sin!

9 - **What is repentance?**

***“Earnestness”***

***“Vindication”***

***“Indignation”***

***“Longing”***

***“Zeal”***

***“Avenging of wrong”***

***“Demonstrated yourselves to be innocent”***

10 - **Earnestness**

* Defined as **haste, urgency, eagerness**.
  + English word - “**serious in intention, purpose or effort… seriously important, demanding**…”. (2 Pet. 1:5)
* “***Taking it to heart***…” (Malachi 2:2; Deuteronomy 32:46;)
* **How serious are we about change**? (Ephesians 4:17)
* There will be a time when it will be too late. (Hebrews 12:17)

11 – **Vindication**

* ‘Apologia’ - a defense, **answer or reply**. “**Clearing**” (NKJV)
* What’s our answer to Satan’s accusation of sin?
  + **If we stole… If we lied… if we haven’t done what we should**?
  + **Our answer or defense is in our acts of obedience**.
* Includes our acceptance of **responsibility and accountability**. (Psalms 82:3)
* Jeremiah spoke of those who ***“keep going backwards”*** and thus ***“did not repent of their ways”*** (Jeremiah 15:5-7).
* Who should know? Our vindication should be as public as our sin.

12 – **Indignation**

**Profound displeasure** over the unjust or offending … about what? (Mark 10:35-45)

* **Applied to self** – David & Nathan (2 Samuel 12:5; Matthew 7:1-5)
* **Indignant we have offended God** – (2 Samuel 12:13; Psalms 51:3-4)
* **Indignant over** **wasted time & missed opportunities** – (1 Peter 4:1-3; Ephesians 5:15-17)
* **Indignant over** allowing ourselves to be **deceived** – (2 Cor. 11:3; Romans 16:17-18; Obadiah 3. Proverbs 30:8)
* Learning to **hate (our own) evil and sin**. (Psalms 119:104; Romans 12:9)

13 – **Fear**

**Dread or terror arising out of reverence and awe**.

Fear of what?

* **Of the consequences** to our relationship with God. “Alarm over behavior and its’ effects” (2 Peter 2:20; 1 Timothy 5:20).   
  That we would **lose or come short of our eternal reward**. (2 John 8; Hebrews 4:1)
* **Of having to give account for what we have or haven’t done**. (2 Corinthians 5:9-11; Hebrews 10:31)
* **Of eternal regret** – the rich man of Luke 16:19ff

14 – **Longing**

* **Earnest desire**. Not out of public embarrassment or peer pressure – because we want to – we have to.
* **A longing first to be right with God** – then a longing that others might know we are/have made things right.
* A **longing to be restored to favor** – fellowship. (Ps. 51:12)
* **Indicative of a strong spiritual appetite** – (Matthew 5:6; 1 Peter 2:2)
* **The prodigal son** – an earnest desire for rejoined fellowship and to go home. (Luke 15:16-21)

15 – **Zeal**

* Refers to heat – **ardor in embracing, pursuing, defending**.
* **Diligence and fervor in making things right**.
* **Anything but indifferent**. (2 Kings 13:17-18)
* The opposite of apathy & indifference. “*Be zealous therefore and repent*.” (Revelation 2:5; 3:19)
* The Ephesians **demonstrated their zeal**. (Acts 19:18ff)
* One of those “good deeds” to be zealous for. (Titus 2:14)

16 - **Avenging Of Wrong**

* “**Meting out of justice; doing justice to all parties**” – full justice or satisfaction. (Vincent's Word Studies)
* **Right the wrong**… as much as possible. Luke 19:8
* **The willingness to accept punishment and discipline – and still serve the Lord**. Acts 25:11; Hebrews 12:7-12
* A legal term that suggests “bringing the guilty person to book and subjecting him to discipline, and thus putting their house in order”.
* The brother in Corinth who had committed the sin had borne the punishment that Paul called for and **he had made things right**.

17 - **The outcome of repentance**

*“Therefore repent and return, s****o that your sins may be wiped away****, in order that* ***times of refreshing*** *may come from the presence of the Lord.”*(Note Matthew 11:28-30; Romans 6:3-4; 2 Corinthians 5:17)