

“Signs of Repentance”

Acts 17:29-31

Introduction

- I. There will be no salvation if there is no repentance (Acts 17:29-31; Luke 13:3, 5).
- II. As hard it is to do, it is not so hard as well.
- III. God has never expected us to do anything that we cannot do.
- IV. Repentance is not just saying “I’m sorry” (2 Cor. 7:10).

Discussion

- I. If we are truly to repent, then we need to be open and honest (Psm. 51:1-4).
 - A. We need to see sin for what it is, and stop trying to “water it down” (1 John 3:4).
 - B. In four verses, David addresses sin in his life.
 - C. We must acknowledge our sins (1 John 1:8-10).
- II. If we are truly to repent, then we need to accept responsibility for our actions (Psm. 51:1-4).
 - A. David uses terms like “mine iniquity”, “my sin”, and “my transgressions”.
 - B. Trying to blame others for our sins is not acceptable in the sight of God (1 Sam. 15:13-23).
- III. If we are truly to repent, then we will change (Psm. 51:6-17).
 - A. God knows all and sees all (Prov. 15:3).
 - B. God knows if we change or not (Psm. 51:13-15).
 - C. Without a change of life, repentance does not occur (2 Chr. 7:14; Ezek. 18:21-23; Matt. 21:28-31).
- IV. Repentance is not a sign of weakness, but rather a sign of strength (2 Cor. 12:7-10).
 - A. Paul had changed his life dramatically after he repented.
 - B. By so doing, Paul had all the strength that he needed (cf. 2 Cor. 11:22-30; Phil. 4:13).

Conclusion

- I. We should not play games when it comes to repentance!
- II. The more that we refuse, the worse we become.