



## The Power of Truth

The Book of Acts

Midweek Sermon

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### (1) REPENTANCE AND \_\_\_\_\_

*Acts 20:21 (ESV)*

*21 testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

#### Essential New Testament Doctrines

*Hebrews 6:1-2 (ESV)*

*1 Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, 2 and of instruction about washings, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment.*

#### There are three Greek words used in the New Testament to denote repentance.

1. The verb "metamelomai" is used as a change of mind, such as to produce regret or even remorse on account of sin, but not necessarily a change of heart. This word is used of the repentance of Judas (Matt. 27:3).
  2. "Metanoeo" means to change one's mind and purpose, in the light of knowledge.
  3. This verb, with the cognate noun "metanoia," is used of true repentance, a change of mind and purpose and life, to which remission of sin is promised.
- Encyclopedia of Bible Facts

#### 1. Repentance

True Heartfelt Repentance Includes:

1. Initial guilt over one's sinful actions (Lev. 7:37; Ps. 38:4, Ps. 51:4,9 NIV)
2. Confession of sin (Pro. 28:13; 1 Jh. 1:9)
3. A seizure of God's mercy offered through Christ (Ps. 6:9; Micah 6:8).
4. A hatred of sin (Ps. 119:128; Job 42:5-6; 2 Cor. 7:10)

As Augustine said, "God offers forgiveness for repentance not repentance for sin."

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#### 2. Faith

Genuine Faith Includes:

1. Acknowledgment that the Savior of the World has come
2. Passionate joy over His cross that offers love and power for all who believe
3. Unshaken conviction in His saving grace

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Repentance without faith is like a light bulb without electricity.

**(2) NAME AND \_\_\_\_\_ PLEASE**

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*Acts 20:28 (ESV)*

*28 Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.*

**Jesus Christ is God**

*Hebrews 1:8 (ESV)*

*8 But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom.*

*(see also: John 1:1; 20:28; Acts 20:28; Rom. 9:5; Phil. 2:6; Col. 2:9; Titus 2:13; 2 Pet. 1:1; and 1 John 5:20).*

**(3) PAUL FORGAVE \_\_\_\_\_**

*Acts 20:22-23 (ESV)*

*22 And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, 23 except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me.*

**ANSWERS:**

1. FAITH
2. TITLE
3. FREELY