

CLASS 1 || REPENTANCE, SALVATION, AND BAPTISM

I. What is Repentance?

Repentance is to turn from a lifestyle that is not pleasing to God or to surrender or yield one's life to God, demonstrated by living a life in obedience to His Word.

There is no repentance without a change in the former _____.

Therefore, the evidence of repentance is fruit—behavior changes, a change of _____ about one's actions or one's whole life.

Matthew 3:8. So produce _____ that is consistent with _____ [demonstrating new behavior that proves a change of _____, and a conscious decision to turn away from _____].

II. The Importance of Repentance

1. Repentance is the way provided for us to become _____ from our _____ and receive _____ for them.

Acts 3:19. Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

2. Sin impedes our spiritual _____ and can even stop it.

Repentance makes it possible for us to grow and develop _____ again.

3. The privilege of repenting is made possible through the _____ of Jesus Christ.

Answers

atonement / fruit / heart / growth / lifestyle / sin / forgiveness / free / spiritually / repentance / sins / heart

Definition: Atonement is the reconciliation of God and humankind through Jesus Christ, Christ's payment or reparation or recompense for our sins.

- a. **John 3:16.** God loved the world to the degree that He gave His one and only Son as an atonement for our sins.
 - b. **Romans 5:6-8.** For while we were still helpless, yet at the proper time Christ died for the ungodly. God demonstrates his own love for us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
4. There is no eternal life without a turning from _____ to Jesus for salvation. Without _____, salvation is of no effect.
 5. **Matthew 3:8.** When we repent, we must produce _____ — do those things that show we have turned to God and have _____ the way we think and act.
 6. **Luke 15:7.** Joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repents, more than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.
 7. **2 Corinthians 7:10.** Godly sorrow brings _____ that leads to _____ and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

III. What is Salvation?

1. Salvation is God's _____ to us, but although it's _____, we must accept it. We must do something.
2. Salvation starts with _____ and _____.

Answers

repentance / fruit / free / sin / salvation / confession / changed / gift / repentance / belief

- a. **Romans 10:9-10.** If you declare with your _____, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your _____ that God raised him from the dead, you will be _____. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are _____.
- b. **John 1:12.** Jesus has given those who receive Him, those who believe in His name the right to become _____ of God.
- c. **John 20:31.** By believing (have deep, abiding trust) that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the Anointed One, the Son of God; and that by believing and trusting in and relying on Him, we will have life in His name.
3. We can never make up for our sin by self-improvement or good _____. Only by _____ alone in _____ alone can we be _____ and receive forgiveness of sin.
- a. **Ephesians 2:8-9.** We are saved by grace through faith in Christ Jesus and not by our own efforts or works.
- b. **Titus 3:5.** God saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we have done, but because of His own compassion and mercy.
4. When we turn from our self-ruled life and _____ Jesus as our Savior, we are _____. Eternal life begins when an individual receives Jesus Christ into their _____ through faith.

Answers

mouth / saved / accept / saved / heart / Christ / saved / children /
works / faith / saved / life

- a. **Romans 6:23.** The wages of sin is death, but the _____ of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- b. **John 14:6.** Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Him.
- c. **John 1:12.** God gives the right—the authority, the privilege—to become children of God to those who _____ in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) His name.

IV. Water Baptism

- 1. After _____ and receiving salvation, the next step is water _____ in Jesus' name.
- 2. Baptism is an _____ expression of an _____ decision to follow Christ.
- 3. It's the physical expression of what has happened spiritually in your heart.
- 4. Baptism is an act of obedience, a step of acknowledgement that is representative of the fact that Jesus _____ on the cross, was _____ and walked out of the grave, alive, so each of us could have _____ life.
- 5. Baptism is letting the world know that you are a _____ of Jesus.
- 6. Jesus was baptized as part of His earthly ministry.

Answers

inward / believe / died / baptism / eternal / outward / gift /
repentance / buried / follower

a. **Matthew 3:13-16.**

- John baptized Jesus.
- John baptized Jesus to fulfill all righteousness.
- Heaven opened as soon as Jesus was baptized, and He came up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened.
- Jesus saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on Him as He came up out of the water.

7. Jesus commanded us to be baptized.

Mark 16:16. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

8. Jesus commanded His disciples to _____ all men.

Matthew 28:19. Therefore go and make _____ of all nations, _____ them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

V. Why Baptize in the Name of Jesus?

1. Jesus is the only name whereby man can be _____.

Acts 4:12. Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.

2. Jesus is the name in which everything is to be done.

Colossians 3:17. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Answers

saved / disciples / baptizing / baptize

3. Jesus is the name that is _____ above every other _____.

Philippians 2:9-11.

- a. God exalted Jesus and gave him the name that is above every name.
- b. At the name of Jesus every _____ should _____.
- c. Every _____ will acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

VI. Titles Versus the Name

The commandment to baptize in the “name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost” was given to Jesus’ disciples and they did it in Jesus’ name. Were they wrong? Or did they understand something we often miss?

Matthew 28:19 doesn’t read “names” (plural), but “name” (singular). What is the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost?

1. Jesus: the name of the Father

John 5:43. I have come in my _____ name, and you do not accept me; but if someone else comes in his own name, you will accept him.

2. Jesus: the name of the Son

Matthew 1:21. She will give birth to a _____, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.

Answers

tongue / exalted / bow / Father’s / knee / son / name

3. Jesus: the name of the Holy Ghost.

John 14:26. But the Advocate, the _____, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

4. The disciples understood that the only saving _____ given among men was Jesus.

Acts 4:12. Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under _____ given to mankind by which we must be _____.

Everyone in the New Testament Church was Baptized in the Name of Jesus

1. The Book of Acts: From each scripture, write down at least one observation that stands out to you.

a. Acts 2:38-43.

b. Acts 8:5-16.

c. Acts 8:35-38.

d. Acts 9:17-18.

Answers

saved / Holy Spirit / heaven / name

e. Acts 10:44-48.

f. Acts 19:1-7.

2. Paul's Epistles: From each scripture, write down at least one observation that stands out to you.

a. Romans 6:1-7.

b. Galatians 3:26-27.

c. Colossians 2:12.

3. Peter's Epistle: From this scripture, write down at least one observation that stands out to you.

1 Peter 3:21.

Notes
