February 9,10 2019

"Repentance" Matthew 3

Message by Steve Fowler Worship led by Jeff Brown

Music:

Lay Me Down	Grace On Top Of Grace	Reckless Love
Come Thou Fount	Let It Rain	

Sermon:

We have much to say about this, but it is hard to explain because you are slow to learn. In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil." Hebrews 5:11-14

Level 1: I grasp more than just the basics of the faith.

Level 2: I am able to articulate what and why I believe.

Level 3: I can spiritually feed myself.

Level 4: I make Godly decisions.

Level 5: I live in full submission to God.

"Repent for the kingdom of heaven is near." Matthew 3:2.

Conviction

Contrition

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn,for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:3-4 "For the kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation. There's no regret for that kind of sorrow. But worldly sorrow, which lacks repentance, results in spiritual death." Il Corinthians 7:10.

Confession

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. James 5:16.

"Openness before man is the genuine proof of sincerity before God." N. Grubb

A soul that thrives is a soul without secrets.

Repent

Consider doing a full life confession with a trusted friend.

Invite Holy Spirit to fill and empower you to produce the fruit of repentance.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to where he was baptizing, he said to them: "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not think you can say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. Matthew 3:7-11