

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?
Repentance: The Work of the Holy Spirit
John 14:16-18; 16:4-15

What does the gospel you believe lead to? There are many gospels being taught in the church today and each has their own DNA that create a product. The gospel we preach or the gospel we believe will dictate the result. The content of what we believe and communicate will lead to the kind of person created.

When we look at the scriptures and the Gospel Jesus preached, there are seven essential elements to it: The Kingdom of God has come; Jesus is the Christ; he died for our sins; he conquered death and was resurrected; those are four declarative statements. Then we have three imperative responses: repent, believe, and follow.

Last week, we looked at the Parable of the Lost Sheep and saw very clearly, there is only one true gospel message: God welcomes and forgives repentant sinners. The parable also revealed there are two aspects of this. There is God's part: the shepherd seeking the lost sheep. But there is also man's part: the repentance of the one sinner. However, we cannot do it on our own.

Today, we will look at what God provided for the disciple in order to practice repentance. How does the inward transformation we experience manifest itself in repentance? The answer to all these questions is the Holy Spirit. None of this can possibly happen without the presence and the work of the Holy Spirit. That is what I want to look at quickly this morning: two aspects of the work of the Holy Spirit as it relates to our repentance in the context of the gospel.

THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Romans 12:2 *"...be transformed by the renewal of your mind..."*

A. The Holy Spirit is IN you. (John 14:16-18)

B. The Holy Spirit will GUIDE you. (John 16:12)

"For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death." 2
Corinthians 7:10

Resources: *Calvin's Commentaries: The Gospels*, John Calvin; *Living & Loving Like JESUS*, Brandon Cook; *The Gospel of John*, William Hendrickson,, *Matthew Henry's Commentary (Vol. 5)*; *Conversion & Discipleship*, Bill Hull; *The Discipleship Gospel*, Bill Hull & Ben Sobels
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