

Changing

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What does a person do on earth that causes a celebration to break out in heaven? _____ Luke 15:7,10

What does the word _____ literally mean?

1. To _____ 2. _____

Understand that this a decision of our will

Involves: 1. _____
2. Turning from _____
3. Turning to _____

Much more than merely acknowledging

Necessary for a person to truly be a follower of Christ

Verses that speak of its importance...

Emphasis of John the Baptist's ministry Matthew 3:1-2

What Jesus proclaimed Matthew 4:17

What the 12 did when they were sent out Mark 6:12

What Jesus denounced cities for not doing Matt. 11:20

A key element of the Gospel message that must be shared

Luke 13:4-5; Acts 17:29-30; Acts 20:19-21

Have you done this?

How necessary is it for a follower of Christ?

1 John 1:8, Proverbs 20:9

This is what Paul is appealing to in Colossians 3:1-11

See this in "put to death" (vs5) and "rid yourselves" (8)

What we see the prodigal son doing in Luke 15:11ff

The son confesses, turns from sin, and then to Father

Also see the response God will always give...

Love, mercy and grace

1 John 1:9

Repentance is to be a life long process...it is a good and wonderful act!

See the whole process in 1 Kings 8:46-53

Sin...taken captive (is this not what happens to us when we give into sin?)

Relationship with God is hurt, change of heart, repent, confess and turn back to God. Father hears and forgives.

Every time we sin there is only one correct response _____

Watch out for the trap of trying to cover it up by doing "good things" while still living in sin.

We need to make sure we hear the heart of God in all of this. Repentance is not as much about being in trouble as it is about the Almighty God wanting to be in a right relationship with you and this is how it is done. It is all about his love for you!

May we be known as _____

What is God speaking to you about?