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## Theme : A CALL TO REPENTANCE- 17.03.24 @ HoG

Text : 2Chronicles 7:14- " And my people who are called by my name humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn away from their sinful ( wicked ) ways , then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin."

James 4: 7 - " Submit therefore to God . Resist the devil and he will flee from you" . Draw near to God and He will draw near to you .

2Corinthians 12 : 20-21 ( Read pls and explain further ): This is all about Paul's concern for the Corinthians.

### Meaning or concept of Repentance :

Repentance is the divinely appointed means of repairing the relationship between God and humankind. Therefore, to repent means " to change " or " have a change of mind ". This change of mind is a change of attitude and mental perspective, which results in a change in behaviour. That means , turning from the way of life that is contrary to God's law , and turning to the way of life that is defined by God's law of the Ten Commandments. It's all about total surrender to God's will

Jesus preached all about repentance, likewise Peter ( Acts 2:38 ) and John The Baptist ( Matt.3:2 ) and Apostle Paul in Acts 20:21.

From the Day of Pentecost, Repentance was preached and it became evident that it is the first requirement before receiving the Holy Spirit. Repent was the first command issued on the day the New Testament Church was commissioned .

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... the book of Luke 3:1-14, gave us an account of John the Baptist in the wilderness on the fruits of Repentance. John's ministry focused on repentance and his baptism is also called " a baptism of repentance ( Acts 9:4 ) , who knew that those who were truly repentant would prove their repentance by their actions. Repentance is change , not only change of mind but change of behaviour as well.

**True repentance shows up in the character of your daily living.( Expatiate )**

Brethren, this subject of Repentance is of great importance in Biblical Christianity or doctrine , therefore as Christians , we shouldn't ignore or overlook it in our lives.

### Three Types of Repentance :

1. Repentance from a particular sin.
2. Repentance as a way of life
3. Repentance to salvation. For having sorrow in a godly way results in repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regrets.

### What are the 4 stages of repentance?

It is important for the repentant to follow these steps. A person must be truly remorseful, resolve not to repeat the sin again, rectify the wrongdoing as much as possible, even if injustice was committed against others, and then to implore the words of forgiveness. Then, a true penitence is achieved. 6 Sept 2013

Let's dwell a little bit from the story in Jonah 3 to buttress our topic for the day.

Jonah at first ran from God, God disciplined Jonah and he ran back to God. God recommissioned Jonah and he worked with God in His plans for the Ninevites.

Jonah went to Nineveh, delivered God's message that the city of Nineveh shall be overthrown in 40 days bcos of their sin . The people of the city



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### The 3 Elements of Repentance include:

- \* **Turning from evil**
- **Turning to God**
- **Serving God**

The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now He commands that all people everywhere to repent, bcos He has fixed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom He has appointed; and of this ,He has given assurance to all by raising Him from the dead" Acts 17: 29-31. Jesus said in Matt 4:17 " Repent,for the kingdom of heaven is at hand " . He therefore commissioned the disciples in 2's to preach repentance to all nations. He is calling you today to do the same

### What are the fruits of Repentance?

- Righteous deeds
- Holy deeds
- Godly deeds
- Transformed life

### Benefits of Repentance:

1. God will wash away your sins 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. God will purify you, 1 John 1: 9-10 .
3. You will start prospering!Proverbs 28 : 13
4. It will bring you closer to our Father in Heaven Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. Zechariah 1:3



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5. You will receive eternal life. John 10: 27-28
6. You eat the good things of the land . Isaiah 1 : 19-20
7. You will inherit the Kingdom of God , Mark 1 : 15

**Prayer points on Repentance**