



# Live Oak Church

## Transformational Ministry Part 8: Repentance



### 1. The place of repentance

- a. Repentance: solution that breaks the cycle of \_\_\_\_\_
- b. We only need to repent of what's been \_\_\_\_\_ to us
- c. Repentance is \_\_\_\_\_
- d. How we try to avoid repentance
  - i. Redefine Christianity to just \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. Redefine Christianity to say it doesn't \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. Blame-shifting
- e. Christians get stuck
- f. Repentance is necessary for the healing process

### 2. What is repentance?

- a. Psalm 51 is the greatest chapter on repentance
  - i. His psalm has no excuses or justification
  - ii. He takes full \_\_\_\_\_ for what he has done
  - iii. He agrees with God and His judgment
- b. Thorough repentance involves \_\_\_\_\_ as well as actions
- c. Repentance is directed toward \_\_\_\_\_
  - i. We must be God-centered, not self-centered
  - ii. \_\_\_\_\_ is very different from repentance  
*For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death. — 2 Cor. 7:10*
- d. The general sign of repentance is a change of \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Repentance involves full \_\_\_\_\_ of the sin

### 3. "God loves the sinner but hates the sin"

- a. God doesn't condemn \_\_\_\_\_ to hell
- b. God hates sinners: they are at war with Him
- c. God loves His \_\_\_\_\_, but not all are
- d. Even Christians will pay a price if they choose sin

### 4. Deeper repentance

- a. Levels of repentance

- i. Actions: I repent of this specific \_\_\_\_\_ of this specific sin
- ii. Attitudes: I repent of this attitude that leads to this sin
- iii. Affections: I repent of something I love more than God
- b. Experience of repenting of affections
  - i. Involves horror/revulsion at the depth of our \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. Involves confronting \_\_\_\_\_ we believe about God:  
(1) God doesn't love me, (2) God doesn't really know what's best for me, (3) God isn't really good, (4) God isn't really powerful
  - iii. We cannot trust our \_\_\_\_\_ in this area
  - iv. Analogy of the cliff
- c. Effects of deep repentance
  - i. We come to the \_\_\_\_\_ of ourselves
  - ii. God uses His Spirit to change our \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. It makes us ready for solid food (Heb. 5:14)  
*But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil*

### 5. We need to exercise agency (choice)

- a. The cycle of destruction will continue until we choose
- b. Healing should be \_\_\_\_\_ if repentance has occurred
- c. Christians have to realize that they are responsible for a sin habit
- d. God will not force \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Our obedience should be motivated by love

### 6. Good counseling makes people doubly accountable

- a. Example of a person jumping off the Empire State Building
- b. Never work with people in a way that allows them to reject God's provision and still say, "That was a good experience"
- c. Rejecting God should involve a little taste of the \_\_\_\_\_