

Being the Church
Winter 2025/Spring 2025
Praying for Revival
March 1 - April 12

Repentance

“Humility, prayer, and seeking God lead to repentance: a deliberate 180-degree turn away from the we were living and toward the life that God desires for us. Repentance is the precursor to salvation for an unbeliever. God forgives a repentant heart. Repentance leads to a more ardent pursuit of holiness within a believer.

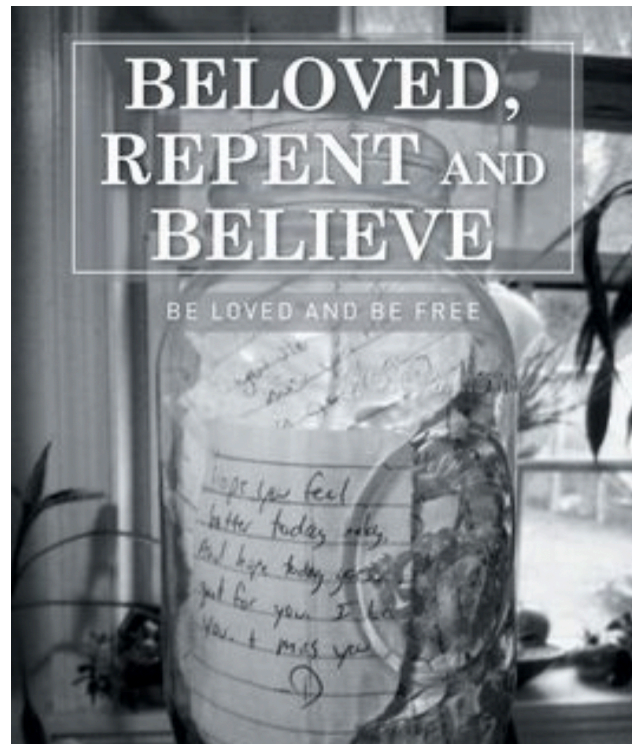
Repentance is a heart condition that motivates and empowers us to fight sin daily and to desire holiness as a way of a life full of beauty, goodness and truth. (see **Philippians 2.3**)

Prayer Points:

- Do you desire holiness? Pray through **2 Corinthians 7:1** that God would shine His light on you and intensify your pursuit of holiness and purity.
- Pray in the words of **Hebrews 12:14** for a renewed and sustained desire in the Church to pursue unity and holiness.
- Pray for the Church to embrace **Colossians 4:4-6** and **Romans 6:11-12**, boldly, but lovingly speaking to unbelievers about sin and its consequences, and teaching people to reckon themselves dead to sin and alive to Christ.
- Pray through **Philippians 2:15-16** for holiness in God’s people to attract unbelievers to Christ.”¹

Do you have a repentant heart that listens for the Holy Spirit’s nudges?

He seeks to heal a heart rooted in a selfish self. God seeks to conform believers into the image of Christ and to desire holiness to be a way of living. This is the role/responsibility of the Christian church in a fallen world.



Today is the Day

As God's grace operates to do the work of repentance, it cannot (unless through a miracle of the same grace) be other than painful.

God does not perform continual miracles in the order of grace any more than in the order of nature. It would be a great miracle to see one full of self die suddenly to self-consciousness and self-interest as it would be to see a child go to bed as a mere child and rise up the next morning an (adult) of thirty!

He hides his work beneath a series of imperceptible events, both in grace and nature. And thus God subjects us to the mysteries of faith. Not only does God accomplish this work gradually, but God does it by - the most simple and likely means, so that success appears natural to us.²

So I pray...

- In repentance I realize I feel remaining in sin; by faith I receive your power to purify my heart and cleanse my hands.
- In repentance I realize the consequences of my brokenness; by faith I am conscious of Christ's pleading for me and your liberating pardon.
- In repentance I recognize my helplessness; by faith I accept your mercy and experience your grace. By your grace you free me from bondage to outward sin, and the power of inward sin is broken while not entirely destroyed.

In humility I ask to experience your life-changing love over and over again in order to grow into the fullness of your love.³ Amen and amen.

¹ Intercessors for America, IFA.org, *Repentance*, IFAPray.org, pp. 3-4.

² *The Royal Way of the Cross*, Norman and Job, Rueben P., *A Guide to Prayer for All Who Seek God, Sunday Scripture Readings from the Revised Common Lectionary*, Upper Room Books, Nashville, 2006. p.319.

³ Chilcote, Paul W., *Praying in the Wesleyan Spirit*, Chilcote, Norman and Job, Rueben P., *A Guide to Prayer for All Who Seek God, Sunday Scripture Readings from the Revised Common Lectionary*, Upper Room Books, Nashville, 2006, p. 322-323.