**The Fruits of True Repentance**

Mt 3:8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:

**Meet**-{meet...: or, answerable to amendment of life}

* Answerable to God
* Answerable to the commandments of God

**Amend** – Alter- make changes- make improvements- make corrections

* To God
* To Truth
* To that which is Pure
* To genuineness

Amendment -alteration-change- improvement-correction

**Repentance**

Repent – be sorry – sorrow - ask for forgiveness - contrite - ashamed - humbled

Repentance- sorrowful- shame-atonement-contrition- humility

**Fruits**-crops-out growth-produce

Fruits; show the reality of your repentance by forsaking your sins and obeying the commands of God. In order that repentance may be shown to be sincere, it must produce good works.

**Bring forth- a commitment-execute-exercise-(lighten your ship)**

**(Let go of the world)**

**(Let go of your sin)**

**True repentance** is an inward thing which has its seat in the mind and heart

That is, the proper fruits of restoration, the proper evidence that you are genuine.

**No discourse could have been more appropriate or more cutting.**

Do not bring your craftiness and deception to this work; carry not your hypocrisy into your professed repentance; but show your honesty by forsaking sins, and thus give evidence that this crowding to Jordan or coming to the Deliverance Center Is not some act of pretence.

John now being gifted with a knowledge of the human heart, like all true ministers of righteousness and lover of souls will have, He shows them how to commit to and bring forth the fruits of true repentance.

Fruits of True Repentance

Rom. 4:3 For what saith the scripture? **Abraham believed God**, and it was counted unto him for righteousness. Gal. 3:6 Even as **Abraham believed God**, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. James 2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, **Abraham believed God**, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

Acts 20:21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, **repentance** toward God, and **faith** toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

Heb 6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the **foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,**

Heb. 4:2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

Heb 11:6 But without **faith** it is impossible **to please him**: for he that cometh to God **must believe** that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that **diligently seek him**.

Rom. 10:1-11

The Grace of God works through faith and humility.

Faith and humility produce True repentance unto salvation

Through Salvation God creates a New man with good fruits unto good works.

Bring forth the fruits that God produces in the life of those who truly repent.

True repentance bears the fruit of Faith and humility .

1. The number one fruit of True Repentance is Faith

Ro 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as **God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith**.

Eph 2:8 For **by grace are ye saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Faith is a gift from God to the lowest sinner.

* + 1. From the gutter most to the uttermost

Heb 7:25 Wherefore **he is able also to save them to the uttermost** that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Ps 86:13 For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast **delivered** my soul from the **lowest hell.**

1Sa 2:8 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and **lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set them among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory**: for the pillars of the earth are the LORD'S, and he hath set the world upon them.

1. James 4:6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.

* 1. Humble
  2. More than just humiliated
     1. Many become humiliated that don’t show change.
     2. Whatever the difficulties the Lord knows fully and He gives grace to the humble.

1. 2Cor. 7:10 For **godly sorrow** worketh repentance **to salvation** not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.
   1. More than just sorrowful
   2. Transforming power
2. Ps 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. Isa 57:15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.
   1. More than just contrite
   2. Humble spirit
   3. Must be revived
3. Ro 5:11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.
   1. Must have an Atonement
      1. A covering for sin.
      2. An exchange for sin
      3. An exchange for death
      4. An exchange for the world
4. John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. 5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.
   1. **Must be born again**.
      1. Unto so great Salvation

1Ch 16:23 Sing unto the LORD, all the earth; shew forth from day to day his salvation.

Heb 2:3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;

1. Changed by conviction of the truth.

Rom. 10:8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

1. Conviction must lead to commitment.
2. Commitment must be to God and His Word.

Mat. 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

9:13 But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Mark 1:4 John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

Mark 2:17 When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Luke 3:3 And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins; 8 Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

Lu 5:32 I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Lu 15:7 I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

Lu 24:47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Ac 5:31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

Ac 11:18 When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

Ac 13:24 When John had first preached before his coming the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel.

Ac 19:4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

Ac 20:21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ac 26:20 But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

Ro 2:4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

Ro 11:29 For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

2Co 7:9 Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing.

2Co 7:10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

2Ti 2:25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

Heb 6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

Heb 6:6 If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

Heb 12:17 For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

2Pe 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that **all should come to repentance.**