

REPENTANCE AND FAITH

Question: What is repentance?

Answer: Repentance is godly sorrow for sin and turning away from it. {2nd Corinthinians 7:10}, "For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation, not to be repented of; but the sorrow of the world worketh death."

Question: What are the elements of repentance?

Answer: Consciousness of sin, sorrow for sin, hatred for and turning away from sin.

Question: What is repentance designed to do?

Answer: It is designed to convince the sinner of his guilt, danger and helplessness and point him to the way of salvation.

Question: When is the sinner thus convinced, to whom does he turn?

Answer: He turns to God.

Question: Why does he turn to God?

Answer: Because it is God's law that he has violated.

Question: Through whom does he plead for mercy?

Answer: Through the Lord Jesus Christ.

Question: What is mercy?

Answer: God's disposition to pity His suffering creatures.

Question: What does man do in his helpless condition?

Answer: He heartily receives the Lord Jesus Christ, as his Prophet, Priest and King, and relies on Him alone for salvation.

Question: What is Salvation?

Answer: Salvation is deliverance from sin.

Question: What is faith?

Answer: Faith is belief and trust in God.

Question: Does faith save?

Answer: No.

Question: Why doesn't faith save?

Answer: Faith is the medium through which we are saved. {Ephesians 2:8}, "For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is a gift of God."



Question:

Why is faith, then necessary?

Answer:

Because without faith, salvation is impossible. {Acts 16:29-31}, "Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved and thy house."

Question:

What kind of duties are repentance and faith?

Answer:

They are sacred duties.

Question:

By whom are they wrought?

Answer:

They are wrought in the soul by the Holy Spirit.