

**SermonIndex Announcements :: SEMINAR: Robert Wurtz II on "Repentance that God Requires"****SEMINAR: Robert Wurtz II on "Repentance that God Requires" - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/5/7 11:43**

I am glad to announce our first Live Seminar speaker on SermonIndex is Robert Wurtz. The Lord has been dealing in his heart on repentance for awhile now and its great he can share his heart on this subject with others. If you want to register for the below date go to the homepage of sermonindex and at the top right click on the 'register' link to get the Live Seminars popup box. Then make sure to read the stipulations about these events. Below that is a listing of the live event, with time and date, click on the 'register Now for this event' if you are interested. Then you will receive an email with the link to the event. You will need the flash player installed on your computer and speakers.

NOTE there is a 25 person limit for each event.

If you have any questions or comments on this event please ask them in this thread.

NOTE: All seminars are free and have a seating capacity of 25 people. Registerants are based on a first come first serve basis. If you do not attend a meeting you have been registered for your further participation in seminars will be banned unless sufficient reason and cause is provided.

You can now Sign-up for Live Seminars with various guest speakers on SermonIndex. The atmosphere of the seminar will be similar to an online classroom model where you can ask questions, raise hand, even if allowed communicate back using audio/video. This will allow many from across the world to hear and benefit meeting various Christian speakers that otherwise would not be possible. Another facet of the Seminars will be to disciple and build up the body of believers that are fellowshiping in the SermonIndex community.

If you have additional questions or comments about the Live Seminar feature please either post them in the SermonIndex.net Support Forum Section or the Contact Us Form. If you are a pastor, speaker, leader and would like to be able to run a seminar please contact us with your information for consideration.

Repentance that God Requires

Speaker: Robert Wurtz II

Date: Thursday, May 13th

Time: 9:00 pm EST (1 hour)

Description: Repentance is the first word of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It was the message of John the Baptist and of the great prophets before him. But what does God require in repentance? Perhaps you were once taught that repentance means asking God for forgiveness. Some may even believe that to repent is to "turn over a new leaf" or to quit a few bad habits. In this session we will explore the concept of repentance as it is found throughout scripture. On the subject of "Repentance that God" requires I propose: - I. To show what the word 'repentance' means, II To show how the word is used in the Old Testament, III To show how the word is used in the New Testament.

**Re: SEMINAR: Robert Wurtz II on Repentance - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/5/7 22:23**

I believe there will be video with this seminar but definitely audio. And I will be present moderating the live event. If you register for this event I look forward to seeing you there. Once you register you will receive an email confirmation with the direct link to the event and also a link to download the flash player if you dont have it on your computer. Please also ensure you have speakers and turn them on :-P

Register ASAP for there are only 25 slots and they will fill up fast. I am hoping to offer more seminars with different speakers quite soon. Please stay tuned and I would love to hear comments, suggestions and also feedback after the events.

**Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2004/5/8 0:32**

Looking forward to it!

Here is that ever helpful time conversion site:

<http://www.worldtimeserver.com/>

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/5/8 16:02**

Quote:

-----Looking forward to it!  
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I have been priviledged to be spending some time talking with this dear brother and he sure does have alot to share on ce rtain subjects one being 'repentance'. I hope personally to be blessed through these sessions. You can still signup for th e 1st session before slots fill up.

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/5/9 23:39**

There are still afew slots available for this free seminar, the first of its type at sermonindex! Signup before all the spaces fill the MAX number of people are 25.

**Re: - posted by RobertW (), on: 2004/5/10 13:40**

**Robert Wurtz**

**"The Repentance That God Requires"**

(A Brief Instructor Bio)

God sovereignly ordained that I would be brought to church on the "church bus" from the inner city of Kansas City, M O. to Sunday School as a child. Godly men and women taught me the fear of the Lord as a foundational principal in my li fe. My dad did not attend church at all and my mother went once in a while. God freed my dad from 25 years of alcoholis m in 1996 and he is now a deacon in the church and along with my mother have childrens and shut in ministries.

Later in life I was like some teens who get a little distracted with the things of this world, but God protected me from seve re addictions to His glory. However, tragedy struck my life at the age 16 as sin caught up and took me for about a 5 year ride of destruction. When lust hath conceived it bringeth forth sin and sin when it is finished bringeth forth death. But Go d lifted my mangled life from the wreckage of the enemies plan and on Easter Sunday in 1991 I returned to the Father's House once and for all. God gave me an unquenchable desire for His word and began a work in me to deeply study and teach His word. I was filled with the baptism in the Holy Spirit in 1992 and with it came a tremendous zeal to study, tea ch, preach, and hate sin! To God ALONE belongs all the glory!

My main coarse of study doctrinally has been apologetics and theology. My main coarse of bible study has been on the subject of victory over sin. I have dedicated most of my Christian life to mining the truths of God's word for every defensiv e and offensive weapon against the wiles of the devil. My greatest desire is to see God's people walking in truth and in TOTAL VICTORY over sin. Total victory over besetting sins and strongholds of the enemy.

After much personal study and research on Church History and the History of the English Bible I studied first century Ch urch History and Middle Eastern Studies for 31/2 years at the Messianic Institute of Kansas City under Rabbi Jerry Feld man. He is an Assemblies of God Missionary to the Jews. I bless God for that invaluable experience.

I have taught Adult Sunday School for around 10 years and have served as director of Christian Education. I am currentl y the Youth Pastor of my teenage children and the youth group of our church of some 30 or so members. I have a beauti ful wife and 6 wonderful children.

I am a person of like weaknesses as others. God has given me much understanding of what it takes to maintain victory over Sin- though I have not always walked perfectly in it. My desire is to share these truths so that we can all learn toget her and walk in a way well pleasing to God. I thank God for His infinite mercy and grace. He has chosen not to throw the clay away on many occasions. I also thank God for SermonIndex and the ministry of Greg Gordon and his associates. T his ministry has been a missing piece in the tapestry God has been weaving of my life.

God Bless,

-Robert Wurtz

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/5/11 20:45**

Just so people know you can register on this thread on the first post there is a 'green button' to register. If you have any questions at all please either post a reply or ask a question via email.

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/5/13 12:04**

The Live Seminar on Repentance is tonight at 9:00EST with Robert Wurtz you can still signup by clicking on the green 'registration' button on the first post of this thread. If you are having problems registering please (<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/contact/>) Contact Us. Looking forward to seeing everyone online who registers. NOTE: you will receive the link to the Live Meeting in a email once you register.

Heres the breakdown of the seminar:

**THE REPENTANCE GOD REQUIRES**

By Robert Wurtz II  
(Part I)

**A) DEFINING REPENTANCE**

- 1) Walking With God
- 2) Turned From God

**B) REPENTANCE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT**

- 1) The 'Concept' of Repentance
- 2) Turning the Mind of the Impenitent
- 3) Denial or Disdain?
- 4) Repentance that Results in Hatred of Sin
- 5) Radical Repentance

**C) REPENTANCE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT**

- 1) Describing the Old Testament Concept
- 2) Repentance unto Regeneration
- 3) Repentance: The Gift that God Must Grant

**D) REMARKS**

**Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2004/5/13 12:58**

Truly looking forward to it tonight!

Thanks to Robert for taking the time to present this as well as for the Bio, that helped kinda round things out :-). Should be excellent!

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/5/13 15:06**

Quote:

-----Truly looking forward to it tonight!  
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Yes me too brother, I am working abit on getting the slides ready. Its going to be an interesting experience. Praise God for the the ability to do this long distance. I do pray it proves fruitful.

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/5/13 19:48**

If anyone else wants to be a part of this Live Seminar you have to **register** before the 9:00pm EST start time.

**Re: SEMINAR: Robert Wurtz II on "Repentance that God Requires" - posted by Gideons (), on: 2004/5/13 21:20**

My apologies to both Greg and Robert. For some reason, I haven't been able to get on. I haven't given up just yet.

Unfortunately I had to switch computers (can you say teenage son?) and so I tried just before 9:00.

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/5/13 21:23**

Quote:

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If you click the 'link' in your email it should work. There is a link in your email that you receive after you register that gets you right into the seminar.

**Re: - posted by Gideons (), on: 2004/5/13 21:36**

That's okay Greg,

I've tried it maybe 30-35 times. It says "Cannot find server" regardless of how I get it to come up. That's not a problem.

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/5/13 21:42**

Quote:

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its working now.. sorry their server was down! :(

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/5/13 22:06**

Quote:

-----its working now.. sorry their server was down! :(  
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I am sorry to have to report there were server errors for the entire time of the presentation, only a few were able to join. I am sorry for people who were trying all the time to get into the presentation, I will phone the CONVOQ company and see what actually happened and if I cannot ensure that it will work then I will find another solution. Again I apologize to every one. Here is the text of the message given:

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**THE REPENTANCE GOD REQUIRES**

By Robert Wurtz II  
(Part I)

**A) DEFINING REPENTANCE**

**1) Walking With God**

The concept of repentance is found throughout scripture as God's commandment to man to turn back to the path of walking with Him and in His ways. We read of the voice of God walking in the cool of the day Genesis 3:8 as the first example of the fellowship that God enjoyed with Adam and Eve before the fall. We later read of Enoch walking with God and God "taking him" in Genesis 5:22. Amos 3:3 asks: "How can two walk together unless they be agreed?" Herein was the secret to the relationship between Enoch and God- Enoch was in agreement with God in all manner of life and philosophy. As we would later find with Abraham, the relationship between God and Enoch should be characterized as friendship. And with friendship comes fellowship. To walk with God is to give God the highest priority of our lives. It is to desire above all things to please the God that is continually watching our every move. It is to walk with Him in perpetual obedience and communion. It is to keep His ordinances and enjoy His providences. It is to make God's word our code of conduct in all of life and His glory the end of all our being and as much as we can lay hold to convince every creature to do likewise. To walk with God in His ways is to make it our constant concern and endeavor to please God and not ourselves, and to offend all before we offend Him. Deuteronomy 10:12 captures the progression of such a relationship. Here we read "And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways,

and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul.

## 2) Turned From God

When a person is born they are already turned away from God, but they have a certain amount of light or understanding of God's ordinances with which to see the right 'path' and walk in it. Everyone at the least has the light of conscience and the light of creation. Man makes a conscious decision whether or not they will walk in what they know. Romans 1:18 tells us that the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all unrighteousness of men who hold the truth in unrighteousness. Sin is imputed against the person based upon their knowledge of God's requirements. What is known through the conscience and creation is enough knowledge to warrant eternal damnation as the penalty for transgression. Enoch had the same amount of light to walk in that others had in his day- and through his close walk with God- God demonstrates how closely one could walk with Him if only they responded rightly to the workings of their conscience and their common sense. Moreover, it demonstrates clearly how a right response to the striving of God's Spirit with man could have led to this deep walk with God. With God He is no respecter of persons. The difference from one person to the next is in the response to the light that God gives each person. If you rightly respond to the light by turning to walk in the right path- God will provide more light. If you respond in rebellion and stiffen your neck against God- you will eventually be cut off and without remedy.

## B) REPENTANCE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

### 1) The 'Concept' of Repentance

There are only a few places in the Old Testament where the word 'repent' is actually used, but the concept of repentance is repeated almost continuously. This involves 'turning' back to God once a person or nation has turned away from God and His ways. Perhaps this is best illustrated in Malachi 3:7 where we read... Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return? This passage deals with a people not only in rebellion, but also in denial. And in this condition people justify themselves and make God a liar (1 John 1:10). Although it seems almost too simplistic to mention- repentance begins when you see your sins as they really are. When the veil of lies is lifted, if but for a moment, and you see your sin as God sees it- what will you say? How will you answer? The promise in Malachi 3:7 is simple: Return to me and I will return to you. It was true then and it is true today. It may be the Old Testament- but it's a timeless concept.

### 2) Turning the Mind of the Impenitent

When David the King had sinned in the matter of Uriah the Hittite God sent the prophet of God to give him word. This fact alone speaks volumes concerning repentance. Nathan was God's mouthpiece- the oracle from which God spoke and without a genuine prophetic voice the people cast off moral restraint (Proverbs 29:18). The KJV translates the passage- "Where there is no vision the people perish: but he that keepeth the law happy is he." Two things are mentioned in this passage: 1) a propheticunction 2) the law of God. The prophets were God's prosecuting attorneys that called the people back to the covenant. Nathan was the man in David's life; but where was the prophet in Solomon's life? Was his wisdom enough to not need a prophetic voice to call him to repent of his idolatry? Nathan simply painted a picture for David that gripped his heart with an analogy that would extract feelings of extreme disgust and in the wisdom of God and the unction of God a parallel was drawn between David's sin and the story told. When David made that connection he to some degree saw his sin as God saw it.

### 3) Denial or Disdain?

When David saw his sin for what it was he did not react with denial. He made no excuses. He gave no explanations. He knew that sin, as it were, comes in many flavors, but the core 'substance' is rebellion against God. That is the 'substance' of the sin itself. The 'flavor' is immaterial. It is all the result of the rebellious law of sin that is in our members that desires to rebel against God's law simply because HE decreed it. The sinful nature is gratified by rebellion- it is the 'flesh's' meat. The 'meat' of the born again is to do the will of God. Understanding this point is a main key in gaining the victory over sin and hating sin, as we should. When we stop focusing on the 'flavor' of the sin (covetousness, fornication, hatred, etc.) and key in on the substance of sin we realize that the sin we commit gratified the flesh because it rebelled against God. David understood this clearly and answered the prophet... "I have sinned against the LORD." Later he wrote... "Against God alone have I done this evil in His sight." (Psalm 51:4)

### 4) Repentance that Results in Hatred of Sin

When you have genuinely seen sin as God sees it and your mind is properly changed about it- that change should result in utter disdain for sin. It will be a hatred based in the knowledge that your sin was against a God that is wholly good. You will view it as malice projected at the God that has bestowed upon you every good and perfect gift. (Romans 2:4; James 1:17) When you finally survey the wondrous love of God and the extent to which His anger has been restrained from consuming you; and His divine providence has sustained you- you ought to pour contempt on all your pride. As Paris Reidhead once stated... "Our preaching is not to convince good men that they are in trouble with a mean, bad God; but its to convince bad men that they deserve the wrath and anger of a good God." (paraphrased) And in that moment of understanding the true meaning of sin as a whole- you should hate sin no matter what 'flavor' it is. The realization of the enormity of your sin against God and His holiness; the revelation that not only was the God you were sinning against infinitely holy, but willing to take upon Himself the very penalty of your sin- ought convince any sinner that he or she utterly deserves hell. One ought to marvel at how a God as holy as He is would be mindful of sinners that are bent on profaning that which is holy. A sinner seeks to sin simply for the fulfillment of desecrating that which is not yet tainted with sin- so that in that defilement the flesh can be gratified. When you realize this one fact- you will hate sin as it is.

#### 5) Radical Repentance

When you radically repent your zeal for God combined with your hatred of sin will cause you to take aggressive steps in fortifying yourself against sin. Josiah was a radical individual when it comes to repentance. He destroyed the groves and the high places in Israel. Not only did he hate the sin, but also he (as it were) "hated even the garment spotted by sin" (Jude 23). What does that mean? He distances himself from sin as much as in him is. The facilities of sin and the vehicles of sin are utterly forsaken. The stepping stones back to sin are removed. Failure to remove these facilities, vehicles, and stepping-stones is ultimately an indicator that you are not interested in victory over sin- but in word only, and not in deed and in truth.

Many talk repentance- but few are willing to go through their life and eliminate the provisions and stumbling blocks for their sin. They convince themselves that they can 'handle' certain weights that allow sin to close the gap in the race we are running and knock us off the track (Hebrews 12). Josiah knew that if the groves and high places remained that Israel would keep stumbling over the same old sins. If you want to stop plowing iniquity (Job 4:8) you need to rid yourself of the 'equipment.'

When you radically repent you will hate sin to the place that as much as in you is - you have fortified yourself from an onslaught of temptations. You will recognize that if Timothy needed to flee youthful lusts so do you. If Paul had to bring his body into subjection- so do you. You will do everything in your power to not just "think" you stand, but you will "take heed" lest you fall. (I Corinthians 10:12) The context of this passage is temptation. Matthew Henry comments here saying... "He that thinks he stands should not be confident and secure, but upon his guard. Others have fallen, and so may we. And then we are most likely to fall when we are most confident of our own strength, and thereupon most apt to be secure, and off our guard. Distrust of himself, putting him at once upon vigilance and dependence on God, is the Christian's best security against all sin."

#### C) REPENTANCE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

##### 1) Describing the Old Testament Concept

The word 'repent' is used in only a hand full of times in the Old Testament and it generally means, "to change the mind." The concept repeated over and over is that we are to turn or return to God and His ways. The word repentance in the New Testament comes from the Greek word metanoia, and it means a "change" of mind. Repentance is a condition in which a person sees their sin as God sees it, changes their mind about it, repulsively forsakes it, is sorely vexed because of it, and turns from it to God for relief from it. Repentance is turning from trusting in yourself, which results in your sinfulness- to trusting in God and His righteousness. Salvation that does not include true and genuine repentance is no salvation at all. Pure repentance leaves a person feeling such about their past sin that they seek to make restitution or reconciliation whenever possible for the things they have done (i.e. Zaccheus Luke 19:8). Their attitude immediately changes about their life and possessions. Their repentance from sin should be at least as bold as their turning to it in the first place. How is it that a person would not be embarrassed to sin, but would be embarrassed to repent?

##### 2) Repentance unto Regeneration

Repent is the first word of the Gospel. For how can a person be saved if they are unwilling to change their mind about sin that God would grant them repentance? To repent is to cease trusting in yourself and your own way and to turn to place that trust in Christ alone. It is to cease striving with the Holy Spirit who is always working to turn man into the right path. And in that moment, whether it takes minutes, hours, or days the process of being born of the Spirit takes place. There is a genuine transfer of ownership in the heart and mind. Those who were once walking in the path of self, sin, and Satan

n, has had a change of mind and in turn a change of direction. And in that process, when completed by God, there will be a new creation evident for all to behold. You won't have to tell anyone you have changed, the change will be self-evident. When you have turned from darkness to light and the power of Satan unto the power of God you are a new creature. The Holy Spirit will quicken your spirit-, as you were dead in trespasses and sins. Death in scripture does not mean an annihilation- but separation. The impenitent sinner is separated from God and without hope apart from repentance that leads to regeneration.

### 3) Repentance: The Gift that God Must Grant

In Acts 8 there was a man that believed he could purchase the power to lay hands on people and they receive the Holy Spirit with money. Peter told the man that he was in the "gall of bitterness." Adam Clark comments on this passage saying... "This is a Hebraism for excessive bitterness: gall, wormwood, and such like, were used for the dreadful effects of sin in the soul; the bitter repentance, bitter regret, bitter sufferings, bitter death, etc., which it produces." Peter experienced this bitterness when he denied Christ and wept bitterly. Judas sold out the Lord for 30 pieces of silver and here was another man faithful to the god of mammon. Oh, how hard for some to pass through the "eye of the needle" that God would grant them repentance. Many just go away sorrowful.

### D) REMARKS

Genuine repentance has a cultivating effect upon the heart. Going through our lives at times and earnestly seeking God to reveal areas of our lives that we have refused to repent will point us to areas of hardness that have come about by sin. Allowing God to show us places where we quench the Spirit and harden ourselves will stir the fallow ground as we repent of those things individually.

Once the fallow ground of the minister's heart is thoroughly tilled, the seed of the good word will once again find a lodging place and bring forth a fruit that will remain. Refusal to examine yourself from time to time is an invitation to hardness and brings all manner of calamity upon you- especially if you have partaken of the Lord's Supper. If the Supper has one real purpose it is to remember Christ. And in that remembrance remember how we have disobeyed Him and failed to walk wholly in His commandments.

If there is ever going to be a revival it will begin when the ministers of God point the finger at themselves and say, "Thou art the man!" Not in the arrogant sense of pride that thanks God that you are not like the wretched sinner- but in the "Nathan to David" sense- that justifies God as we rightly judge ourselves (I Corinthians 11:31; Luke 18:11).

Repentance is the key to revival. Many are waiting even now for God to send a revival of such strength that it will override their free moral agency and thrust them into a state of repentance. This will never happen. God has already sent tremendous conviction of sin into the lives of His ministers. Some have been driven to near insanity wrestling with God trying to hold onto their sin. Some people like Nebuchadnezzar are going to lose their mind before they change it.

If there is one thing we need today it is a great sense of urgency. Jude tells us to save some with "fear" plucking them out of the flames. (Jude 23) The Revivalists of old understood this concept well. Preach the word until great fear comes upon the people if necessary. Be as Paul before Felix who reason with him of righteousness, self-control, and judgment to come. (Acts 24:25)

Pride is perhaps the greatest obstacle to repentance. For some to repent is to forsake their reputation for being some ultra saint of God. Think of where we must be as ministers before the Lord in modern times if Christ was going to remove the candlestick of Ephesus for simply leaving their first love. How many churches in our lands have their candlestick still in place? Yet they go on ministering as in Malachi's time saying "Wherein shall we return (repent)?" If you want revival you'll ask God to search you.

How about you? Has God convinced you of your need to repent? Do you believe the message of repentance is reserved for vile sinners alone? God is still calling everyone- everywhere to repent. Five out of the seven churches of Revelation needed some form of repentance- and the Apostles tended those churches. Where do we stand today?

In our next study we will look at the marks of genuine repentance. We will deal with godly sorrow that leads to life and a worldly sorrow that leads to death.

**Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2004/5/13 22:06**

Hmmm...no go over here 7:06 my time...

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/5/13 22:09**

Quote:

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The presentation was at 9:00pm EST --- its 10:08 right now here. The server is down and its not working right now I will t  
ry and rectify this with the company tommorow.

**Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2004/5/13 22:21**

Ahhh..where is the sheepish icon? :oops:

Thought it was in Missouri, miscalculated...

Otherwise how did it go?

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/5/13 22:27**

Quote:

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4 People ended up making it in! but I was booted part way through and then the rest of the people were soon afterwards  
, but Robert did get quite a few words in. I was really getting ministered to right before I was knocked off from the server.  
I spoke to Robert Wurtz afterwards and He was encouraged that people heard some of his message and that the devil w  
as active not wanting the people to hear the message of repentance. God willing we will try again for next week!