

**CHRIST COLLEGE TEACHING**  
**Genuine Repentance & Transformation**

**INTRODUCTION**

**1. John Wesley's Story**

What are the three phases of Wesley's life?

“In the evening, I went very unwilling to a society in Aldersgate Street where one was reading Luther's “Preface” to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt that I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation, and an assurance was given me, that he had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death (Rack, 144).”

**2. Faith & Repentance (Rope Intertwined/Two Sides Same Coin)**

“It is impossible to disentangle faith and repentance. Saving faith is permeated with repentance and repentance is permeated with faith.” John Murray in *Redemption Accomplish & Applied* (p.113).

“Faith is receiving, repentance is giving up.” (Neil Williams)

**3. Practical Examples...SIN**

What am I believing?

What action am I taking?

“One of the most basic questions in spiritual formation must be 'What am I doing about my idols?' not 'Do I have any idols?'" James Wilhoit, *Spiritual Formation As If The Church Mattered*.

## **I. THE PRODIGAL SONS (LUKE 15:11-32)**

### **1. We all Need to Repent**

Relativism & Moralism

Bounded Set vs. Centered Set

**Does anyone need the gospel more than you do? Why or Why not?**

➤ Romans 1:29-32 & 1 Cor. 6:9-11 & Gal. 5:19-21 & Col. 3:5-10

### **2. What does genuine repentance look like?**

First, Recognition of Sin

Have you had a “come to your senses” moment since GT?

Secondly, There is a Turning

Repentance cannot be...

### **3. Finally, repentance is a life-style.**

“The conclusion of the matter is this—Repentance should be a lifestyle because sinning is a life-style.” (Neil Williams p. 168).

“When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, said repent; he meant that the entire life of believers should be one of repentance.” (Luther, first thesis in 95 thesis)

### **III. TWO EXAMPLES OF REPENTANCE —Saul (1 Sam. 15:1-31) & David (2 Sam. 12:1-14 & Psalm 51)**

Compare & Contrast The Two—One the Lord regrets, other is man after God's heart.

#### **1. (1 Samuel 15:24-31) Saul's Story**

Saul finally repents but it's not enough, Why?

#### **2. (2 Samuel 11-12; Psalm 51) David's Story**

What is different about David's repentance?

“David's repentance is Christ-centered not self-centered. He is not trying to save his reputation or his kingdom. No excuses. He will do whatever it takes to restore his relationship with God because that's what is most important not his reputation.” Scott Lees

### **II. WHAT LEADS US TO REPENTANCE**

#### **1. God's faithfulness & kindness**

#### **2. God's faithfulness in Prodigal Sons Story**

#### **3. Romans 2:4 & 2 Peter 3:9**

John Dunn poem...

**Batter my heart, three-person'd God ; for you**  
As yet but knock ; breathe, shine, and seek to mend ;  
That I may rise, and stand, o'erthrow me, and bend  
Your force, to break, blow, burn, and make me new.  
I, like an usurp'd town, to another due,  
Labour to admit you, but O, to no end.

Reason, your viceroy in me, me should defend,  
But is captived, and proves weak or untrue.  
Yet dearly I love you, and would be loved fain,  
But am betroth'd unto your enemy ;  
**Divorce me, untie, or break that knot again,**  
**Take me to you, imprison me, for I,**  
**Except you enthrall me, never shall be free,**  
**Nor ever chaste, except you ravish me.**

#### **IV. REPENTANCE & TRANSFORMATION—REFLECTED IN HUMILITY**

**1. Read Scriptures p, 169-172.**

- God gives grace to the humble. He saves the humble. He lifts up the humble.
- To the repentant and humble God pours our love, forgiveness, mercy and salvation.

**2. The Paradox of the Kingdom—Read Puritan Prayer on p. 173**

What does this prayer reveal to us about the gospel?

**3. What does the world teach us? What does the gospel teach us?**

**4. Matthew 5:1-12**

**Implications:**

**How does this change the way you respond to our idols & sin today/this week?**