

COMMANDS

THE 7 BASIC ~~SUGGESTIONS~~ OF JESUS

Repent and Believe. These words could evoke all sorts of emotions in each of us. Depending on how we were raised, we might have different views on these terms. However you view these words, Jesus commands believers to make repentance and belief a regular part of their everyday lives.

Let's take a closer look at what the Bible actually says about these two familiar terms.

Read the following verses and record what each teaches us about repentance

Matthew 3:8: _____

Romans 2:4: _____

Proverbs 28:13: _____

***Repentance is not just a feeling of sorrow over our sins. It is an action word.
We have to acknowledge our sin and then change our direction to align with God's will.
If we don't change direction and leave our sin in the process of repentance, our fruitfulness will suffer.***

Are you able to personally identify a time when ongoing sin in your life affected your ability to function? Be effective? Experience Joy? Upon repentance of that sin did you see a noticeable change in our life? Briefly discuss.

Read the following verses and record what they teach us about belief.

What does belief look like in each one?

John 3:16-18 : _____

Romans 10:10 : _____

John 20:29 : _____

Romans 15:13 : _____

(compare translations in a Bible app)

Belief is not simply an intellectual acknowledgement of truth. It is an active faith, trusting in God enough to put life changes, life decisions, and our entire lifestyle in line with our belief, coming fully dependent on Him.

How are repentance and belief connected?

READ : 2 PETER 3:8-13

What can we learn from this passage about the critical nature of our repentance and belief in the context of the kingdom and Christ's return?

What is your personal take away from this study? Has the Spirit gently prompted you in an area of your life that needs attention? Take some quiet time with the Lord in prayer and reflect on what you've learned this week. Record your thoughts below.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

*Father, thank You for inviting us into repentance,
and giving us second chances to align ourselves with Your will.
Thank You for always being true to your word,
completely dependable, and never changing.
May we always live in anticipation
of the day we get to meet You face to face.
Amen.*