

You Turn

The Power Behind Repentance

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The question: If repentance is a need and not a want, and it blesses me, how do I _____?

³⁶ “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, **both Lord and Messiah.**” Acts 2:36, NIV

¹⁶ Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. ¹⁷ **For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.** ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known. **John 1:16-18,** NIV

The power of _____ and _____ gets me there.

³⁷ When the people heard this, **they were cut to the heart** and said to Peter and the other apostles, “**Brothers, what shall we do?**” Acts 2:37, NIV

How do I know if I’m getting there? I am _____ to the _____ and I want to know what my _____ is.

³⁸ Peter replied, “**Repent and be baptized,** every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:38, NIV

²¹ And this water symbolizes **baptism that now saves you also**—not the removal of dirt from the body but **the pledge of a clear conscience toward God.** 1 Peter 3:21, NIV

²⁶ For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, **you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.** 1 Corinthians 11:26, NIV

The power of the _____ of _____ gets me there.

³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and **for all who are far off**—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” Acts 2:39, NIV

¹⁷ On hearing this, Jesus said to them, “**It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.**” Mark 2:17, NIV

Jesus’ heart for those who are _____ gets me there.

⁴⁰ **With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them,** “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” Acts 2:40, NIV

The love of someone who has been _____ by the _____ gets me there.

⁴¹ Those who accepted **his message** were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. Acts 2:41, NIV

¹⁷ Consequently, faith comes from hearing **the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.** Romans 10:17, NIV

Ultimately, the power behind repentance lies in the _____ about _____. The _____ is always the next step for those who are cut to the heart over their _____.

MEMORY VERSE

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My next step: I will seek a repentant heart not by looking within, wanting it more or trying harder, but by looking out to the Savior who wanted me more than life itself and gave his all.

What’s your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.