

The Christian's life

_____ said the whole of the Christian life is one of repentance.
...from _____ to glorification.

The unpleasant story of David/Bathsheba (**2 Samuel 11-12:15a**) is the _____ of **Psalm 51**.

Read 2 Samuel 11-12:15a

Read Psalm 51:1-6

Repentance is always a _____ of God's grace in our lives.

What is repentance? **2 Cor 7:10-13a**

Repentance has always been a part of the ministry of the _____ among the apostles.

Preached by _____ (Matthew 3:1-2), _____ (Acts 2:38) and _____ (Acts 20:21)

Why do we think we don't need repentance?

We don't know God/his _____/we don't know our own sin (p 18)

"Every living person knows there is something wrong with the world. It is _____" (p19).

"You are ignoring the one thing which is the key to the situation! It is sin. Here is the cause of the troubles in individuals, in intimate human relationships, in international relationships everywhere. This is the difficulty." page 20

Scripture is honest about sin in mankind. No one (except _____) in scripture is painted without seeing the blemishes.

"Mythology does that and mankind generally does it. But the Bible shows men in their weakness as well as in their strength. It does so for one reason only - its ultimate interest is not in these men at all, but in the truth of God." page 20.

The beginning of repentance is _____ of sin

Understanding yourself starts when you first see yourself as a sinner. (Sin vs sinfulness)

It's not ... "Nobody's perfect" Do we confess our sinfulness?

"There is a sense in which it (the Bible) has nothing to say to a man until he sees himself a sinner." Page 20-21

1. He comes to a _____ and acknowledgement of the fact that he has sinned.

How did David come to realized his sin? God sent _____.

"They are crowding into cinemas, reading novels - anything to fill up their lives and keep them from thinking. I say that you have to fight for your life and you have to fight for your soul. The world will do everything to prevent you (from) facing yourself. My dear friend, let me appeal to you. Look at yourself. Forget everything and everybody else. It is the first step in the knowledge of God and in the experience of his glorious salvation." (Page 24-25)

2. **Recognize the exact _____ of what we have done.**

Shown to us in Psalm 51:1b-2 in 3 words:

_____ : “it means rebellion, it means the uprising of the will against authority, and especially against a person of authority.”

“It means a desire to have your own way, a desire to do what we want to do, what we like doing.” (p25) This is in the context of active defiance against an authority figure. “I know my conscience told me no, but I did it anyway” **Romans 14:23**

Iniquity: “an act is twisted or is bent. _____.

“I ask you as you examine yourself, do you not see that so many things you do are twisted and perverted? Do you not see that so many of your actions in life are bent? Jealousy and envy and malice - how horrible the twist! The desire that evil may come to someone, the dislike of praise of another - evil thoughts, bent, twisted, ugly, foul – iniquity! Page 26

Sin: “missing the mark; we are not living as we ought to be living” (27)

We are off the _____.

3. **Man realizes and confesses all that he has done against God and _____ God.**

David easily could have read off a list of people who he had sinned against. But he realizes that his actions against people were born of sin against God.

Remorse – you know you have done _____.

Repentance – you know this is sin _____ God. (28)

We violate our _____ (God’s law written on our heart) when we sin against God.

“When we understand the wickedness that lies in us, we also understand we have no excuse or plea.” (30)

“Do you feel that God is rather hard on you when He condemns you? Do you feel that God would be dealing unfairly with you if you ever found yourself in hell? If you do, you have not repented.” (31)

4. **Finally, this man comes to the place where he recognizes that his very nature is essentially _____.**

Martin Lloyd Jones speaking on the sermon on the mount says: *“If one feels anything in the presence of God save an utter poverty of spirit, it ultimately means that you have never faced him.” (page 45)*

What does Paul declare of Himself and Christ? Romans 7:18,24

You want to cry out “Have _____ on me O God!”