

"For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord." II Corinthians 4:5

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Dear family in Christ,

You Can't "Get in" without Repentance and Faith

Rom 10:9-10 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

In an evangelistic service, the preacher and the Holy Spirit cooperate in bringing the lost people in the service to repentance and faith, Acts 20:20, 21. Repentance is NOT a "work." Repentance is a change of mind in the sinner which brings him to put his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Almost always, when I deal at the altar with a lost person, I use our text above. The potential convert must repent, believing that Jesus is "Lord" (God in a human body), and that He is "Jesus" (which means Savior, Matt. 1:21). He must be told that Jesus saves by His work on the Cross, and by His marvelous Resurrection (v. 10). The potential convert must repent(change his mind about God) and put his faith in Jesus, and when he does so, he is saved (note v. 9, "shalt be saved", and v. 10, "confession is made unto salvation).

I was working with around 100 men in their dormitory at Central Mississippi Correctional Facility. After passing out Gospel literature there, I felt led to preach a salvation message to the whole group. While giving the invitation to the men, I explained Romans 10:9, 10 to them, and asked for a show of hands of those who would like to repent and trust Christ as Savior. Nineteen men responded, and I led these men in a prayer (Rom 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. **Of course, it is not the prayer that saves the sinner**, but rather his repentance toward God, and his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. On the 29th day of March, 1970, I repented before I stepped into the aisle, and was saved when I put my trust in Christ as Lord and Savior a few minutes later at the altar. Then I called upon His wonderful name in accordance with His promise in Romans 10:13. Without repentance, I never would have gone to the altar nor would I have trusted Christ.

This month, at ACI East, in Florida, we had a total of 215 men in attendance with 6 saved over three days. At Emanuel PDC, in Georgia, we had 100 men in attendance with 24 saved over three days. I didn't have the final totals of the Central Mississippi revival, but there were at least 40 men and women saved.

My dear wife, Linda, led two lady inmates to Christ during the invitation at the ladies' services. It is a wonderful privilege to have Linda working closely with me in the Lord's Vineyard. We thank you very much for supporting us while we go fishing for inmates! Would you pray for these new converts? Thank you!

We remain in Christ's Intensive Care.

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