

HOPE SABBATH SCHOOL

Revival and Reformation – Part 6

Confession and Repentance: The Conditions of Revival

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies entitled Revival and Reformation. Our topic today: Confession and Repentance: The Conditions of Revival

Scripture Theme Song: "O Give Thanks to the Lord" – Psalm 105:1-5

Prayer

- 1) Repentance is a gift of God
 - a) Acts 5:30-32
 - b) Romans 2:4
 - c) Acts 17:30
 - d) Acts 26:19-20
 - e) Why is it repentance so challenging for us even when it is a gift of God to be received by faith?
 - 2) True repentance
 - a) 2 Corinthians 7:9-11
 - b) Ezekiel 14:6
 - c) Zechariah 1:3-4
 - d) Examples of true repentance
 - i) Zacchaeus – Luke 19:1-10
 - ii) Saul – Acts 9:1-22
 - e) In contrast, examples of false repentance
 - i) Pharaoh – Exodus 12:29-32
 - ii) Balaam – Numbers 22:32-35
 - iii) Esau – Hebrews 12:17
 - iv) Judas – Matthew 27:4-5
 - f) Repentance is more than turning away from something bad. What important lesson can we learn from Hebrews 12:1-2?
- 3) Confession
 - a) 1 Timothy 1:15
 - b) 1 John 1:8-9
 - c) Isaiah 1:16-18
 - d) Is it necessary to be specific when we confess our sins? Leviticus 5:5
 - e) Is it ever necessary to confess our faults to other individuals or should we only confess our sins to God?
 - 4) True repentance and confession brings healing
 - a) Psalm 32:1-11
 - b) Psalm 51:1-13
 - c) Share a time when you experienced healing after you confessed your sin and repented.
 - 5) Discussion questions
 - a) Which comes first—confession or repentance?
 - b) If you repent of a particular sin and then stumble and fall again, does that mean your repentance was not genuine?
 - c) Why is true repentance essential if you are going to experience ongoing revival?
 - d) What counsel would you give to a friend who says, "I love that behavior even though I know it's wrong, and I don't want to repent"?