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"Repentance and Faith."

Bredon
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Scripture - 2 Cor: 7: 2-16.

new Jerusalem
4-14-42.

Text:- Acts 20: 21. "Repentance and Faith Toward God Jesus Christ."

Sub:- God's word declared that when God had made man's body, "he breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul." Thus man is a soul, a living soul. Soul is the immortal part of man. His body may die, but he lives on. Longfellow had it right when he wrote - Psalm of Life.

Man's soul came from hand of God, perfect, sinless, holy, and as a natural thing man found in presence of God contentment and peace. Fellowship with God was natural. But sin came - disobedience to will of God, and with it fear of God and ~~and~~ hiding from his presence. The way back to God, was repentance of sin and faith in promise of God's forgiveness. Thus our text.

I. Need to know what sin is.

1. J. Wilbur Chapman's statement

of sermons of New York City on
subject "The Great Commission"
as preparation for a revival.

Communion of his old college president.
(need to preach on repentance as preparation)

1. Story of sin upon every page
of God's word upon page of
every newspaper - in every home
of every nation. His sin is his
of serpent.

Things to
Repent of:
Broken
vows.

2. Neglected
duties.

There is sin against society, against
father, mother, child, against
the church, but most of all
against God.

3. If you are out of harmony with
God, you are a sinner, and
need to repent. - Backslider -

II. What Is Repentance?

1. Sorrow for sin. - all sins
sooner or later bring sense of loss;
but this sense of loss is not repentance.

2. Not repentance when we dis-
cover our sin has harmed us and.

3. Not repentance when we
are compelled in bitterness to stop
our wild ^{ways}.

4. Not ~~sorrow~~ ^{repentance} when we ac-
knowledge our sin.

5. Sorrow of world worketh
death - sorrow that sin brings

to sinners - which weakens his spirit, breaks it, embitters or hardens it, turns him to defiance or to despair - but not to God - that leads to death. - Esau -

6. Godly sorrow. -

1. Sorrow in which sinner is conscious of his sin in relation to Holy One - God, and feels that pain of guilt is that he has offended, fallen away from grace, and friendship of God. That he has wounded a love which is dearer than all else. This is a healing, hopeful sorrow, a sorrow which issues in repentance a change of spiritual attitude, a turning to God in confession and a turning away from old way. Abraham in Genesis Chapter 12 and 13. - Repentance is turning to God; it is determining to walk with God; it is turning to God for forgiveness and help to walk with him. It is saying "I will arise and go to my father".

III. Faith Toward Jesus Christ.

1. Faith that he can forgive.

2. Faith that he will forgive
you and help you to do
his will.

3. If we confess our sins -
he is faithful and just
to forgive and cleanse
us from all unrighteousness.

Concl. - That is it "if we confess".