

# Biblical Foundations for Ministry

## The Plan of Salvation: Repentance

### 1. Confession of sin

- a. To admit that you have sinned (1 Kings 8:47-48)
- b. To turn away from that sin (Ezek. 14:6; 18:30-31)
  - 1) Greek *metanoia* (repentance): to have another mind regarding your actions
  - 2) More than simply remorse or regret at the way things turned out
    - a) Greek *metamelomai*
    - b) The remorse of Judas (Matt. 27:3-4)

### 2. Repentance and faith

- a. Necessary partners
  - 1) To do faith properly, you must repent
    - a) Stop your sinful practices
    - b) Do the right thing instead
  - 2) The natural movement of conversion (Acts 26:18, 20)
  - 3) “Turn away from sin” (repentance) and “turn to God” (faith)
- b. Another necessary condition for salvation (Luke 13:3; 24:47; 2 Peter 3:9)

### 3. Repentance and works

- a. The fruit of repentance (Matt. 3:8; Acts 26:20)
- b. Some ways to express repentance (Luke 19:8-9)
  - 1) Offer an apology for wrongs done
  - 2) Repay for damages with compensation plus
  - 3) Perform works of charity
  - 4) A comparable substitute (for one you wronged)
  - 5) Reform your lifestyle

### 5. Prerequisite to baptism

- a. Baptism follows repentance (Acts 2:38)
- b. Baptism and children
  - 1) After they have reached an age of accountability
    - a) An awareness the concept of right and wrong in the eyes of God
    - b) An ability to express the concepts of faith and repentance
  - 2) An age of innocence before God until then

