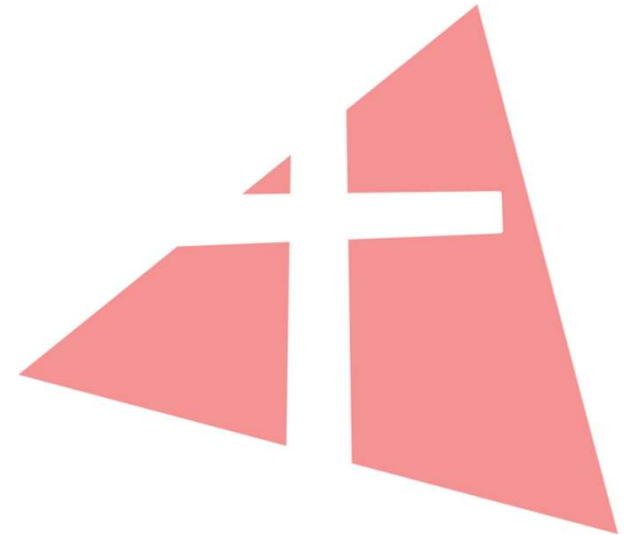


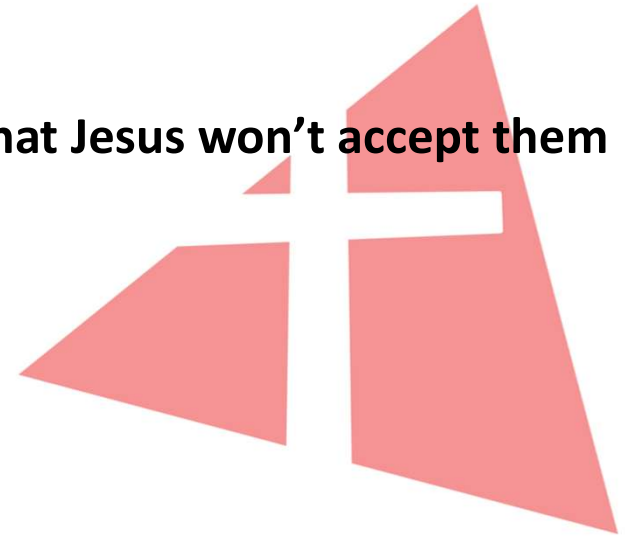
# **REPENTANCE: EVIDENCE OF FAITH**

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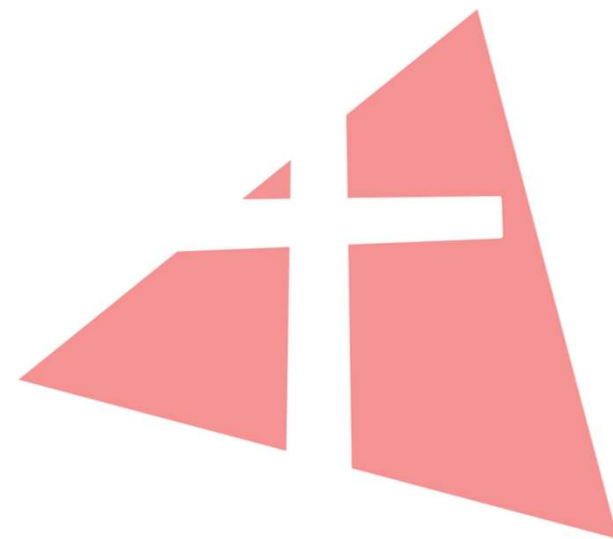
# THE ENDTIMES

- Jesus judges His people
- Many people who think they make it to heaven will find out that Jesus won't accept them



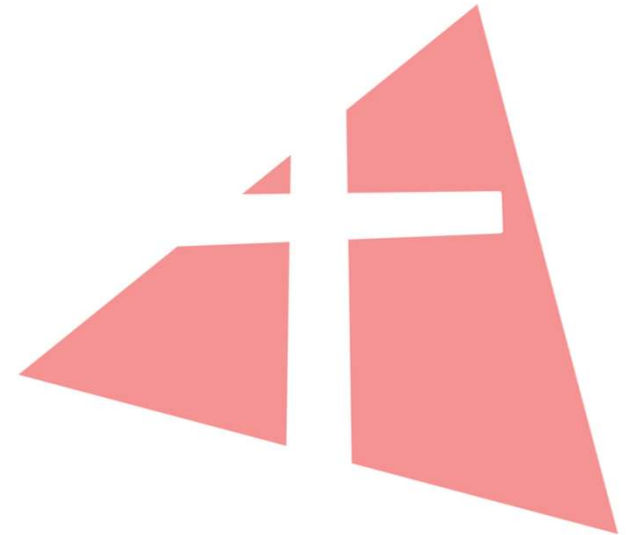
# NEW SERIES

- **Repentance: Evidence of Faith**



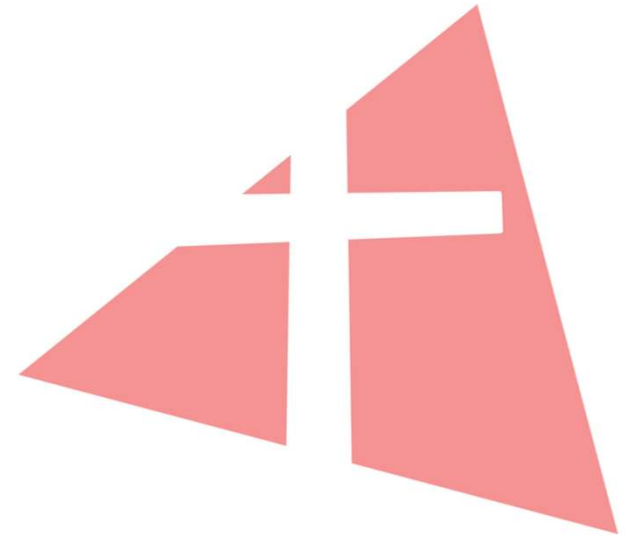
# HOW THE WORLD WORKS

- **Our value comes from our performance**
  - School grades
  - Performance in the company
  - State laws
  - Advertisement



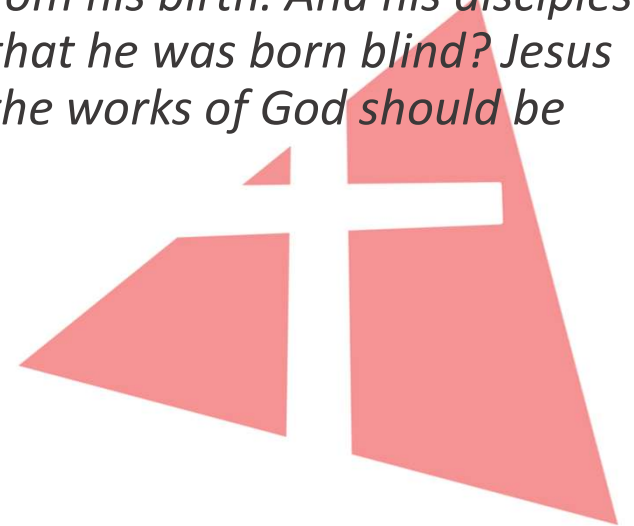
# OUR PROBLEM

- We tend to think that God's kingdom works like this world



# JESUS ON THIS TOPIC

*John 9:1-3 And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man who was blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Teacher, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither has this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.*



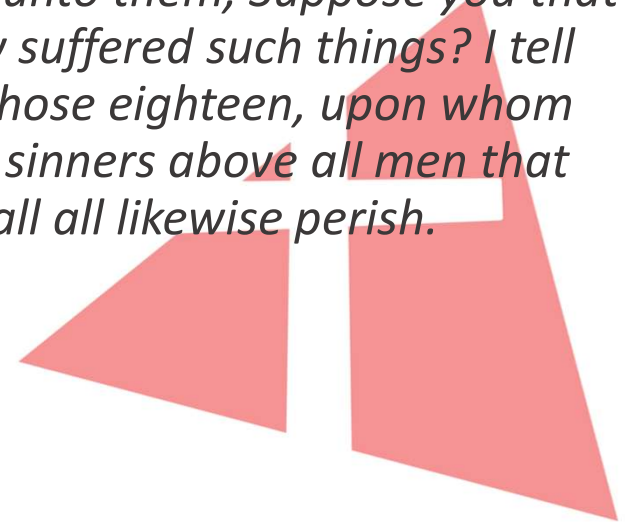
# GOD'S MERCY

*Matthew 5:45 That you may be the children of your Father who is in heaven: for he makes his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.*



# DON'T COMPARE

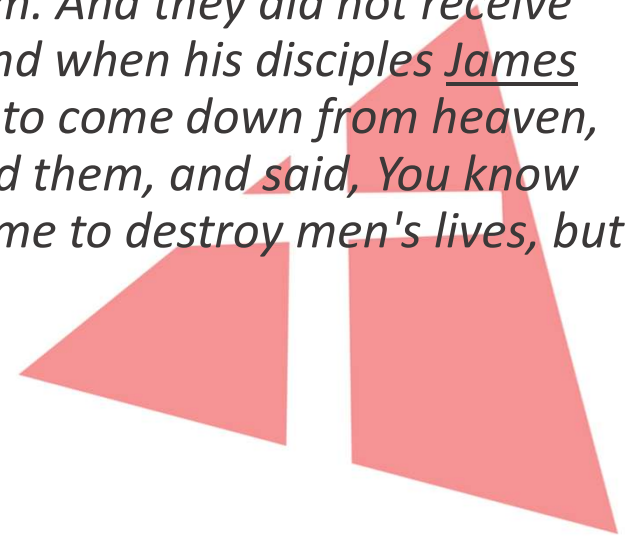
*Luke 13:1-5 There were present at that time some that told him of the Galileans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose you that these Galileans were sinners above all the Galileans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay: but, except you repent, you shall all likewise perish. Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and killed them, think you that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay: but, except you repent, you shall all likewise perish.*





# GOD'S HEART

*Luke 9:51-56 And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem, And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him. And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem. And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, will you that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elijah did? But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, You know not what manner of spirit you are of. For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village.*



# OUR RIGHTEOUS ACTS

*Isaiah 64:6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.*



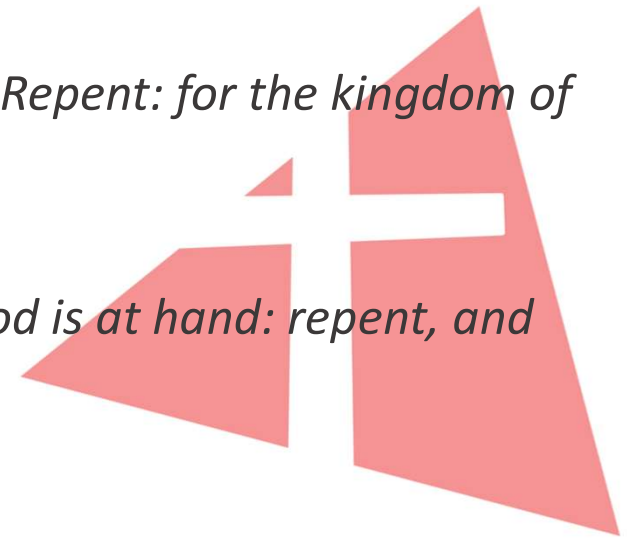
# WHAT SHOULD I DO?

## ○ Repent

*Matthew 3:1-2 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, And saying, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

*Matthew 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

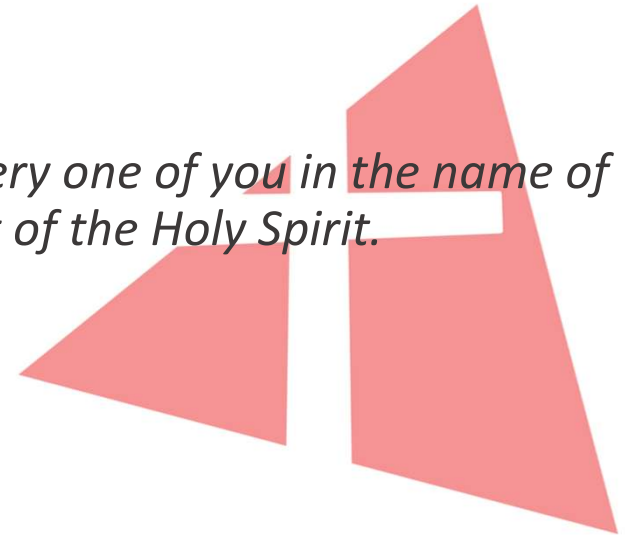
*Mark 1:15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent, and believe the gospel.*



# WHAT SHOULD I DO?

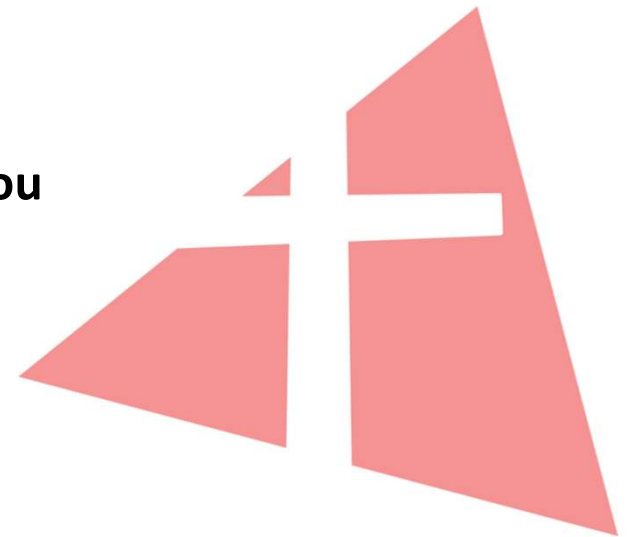
*Acts 2:37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their hearts, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?*

*Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*



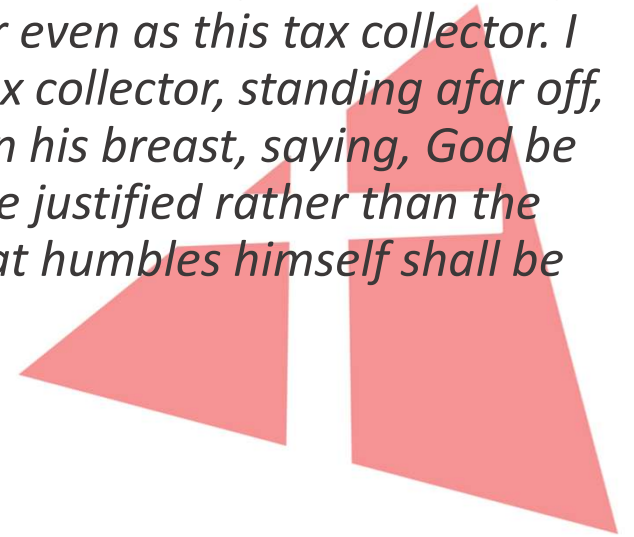
# WHAT WASN'T SAID

- Be a good person
- Pray a Sinner's Prayer
- Just believe, it doesn't matter what you do, God will forgive you



# BEING JUSTIFIED BY GOD

*Luke 18:9-14 And he spoke this parable unto certain who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank you, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for everyone that exalts himself shall be abased; and he that humbles himself shall be exalted.*



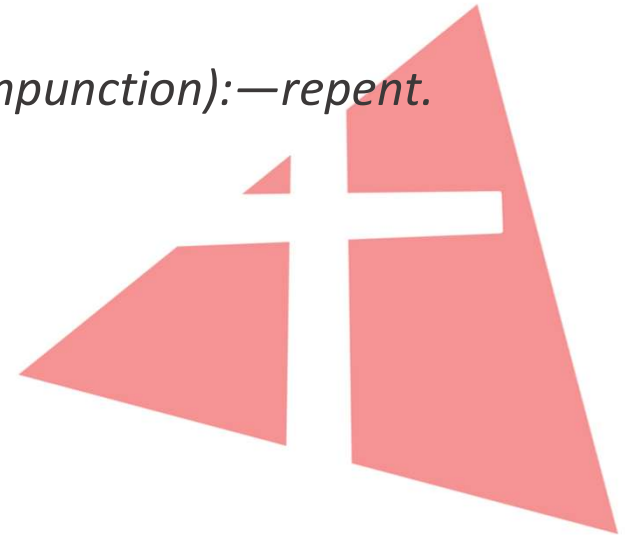
# REPENTANCE

- Repentance is (one of) the clearest and most obvious evidence of Faith



# WHAT IS REPENTANCE?

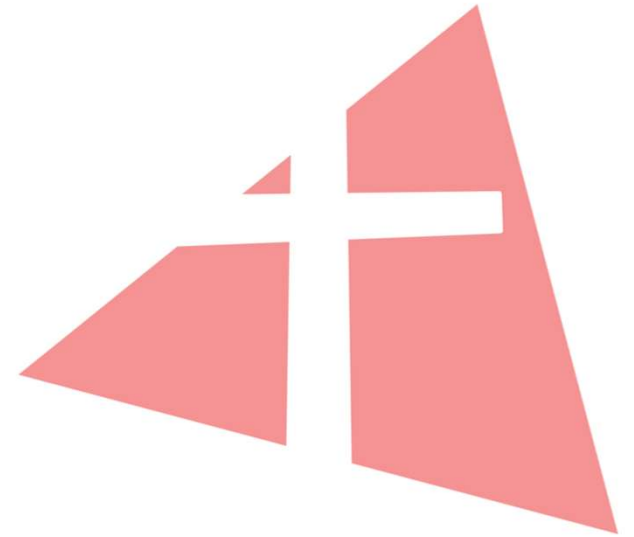
*to think differently or afterwards, i.e. reconsider (morally, feel compunction):—repent.*





# WHAT DOES REPENTANCE INCLUDE?

- **Reflection**
- **Adhering to a standard outside ourselves**
- **Regret**



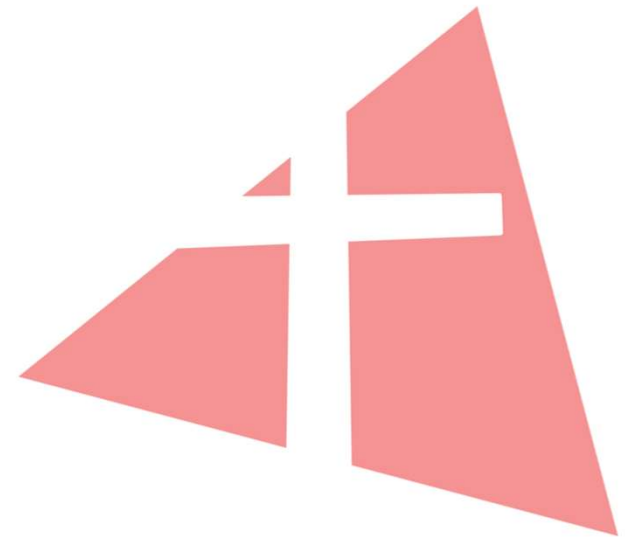
# WHAT DOES REPENTANCE SHOW?

- **God is God, and I am not**
- **God is Holy**
- **I am sinful**
- **Trust that God's moral standard is right**
- **Our hearts have been transformed**
  - We love what God loves
  - We hate what God hates



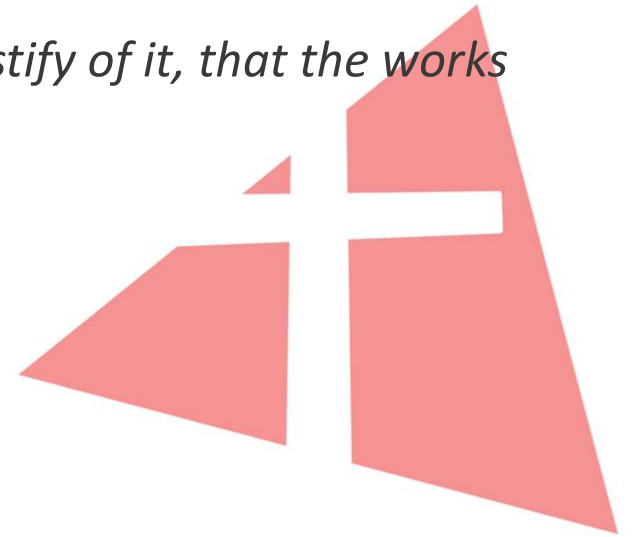
# WHAT DOES A LACK OF REPENTANCE SHOW?

- I don't believe that God is Holy
- My heart hasn't been transformed
- I don't take God that seriously
- I trust in my performance (I'm good enough)



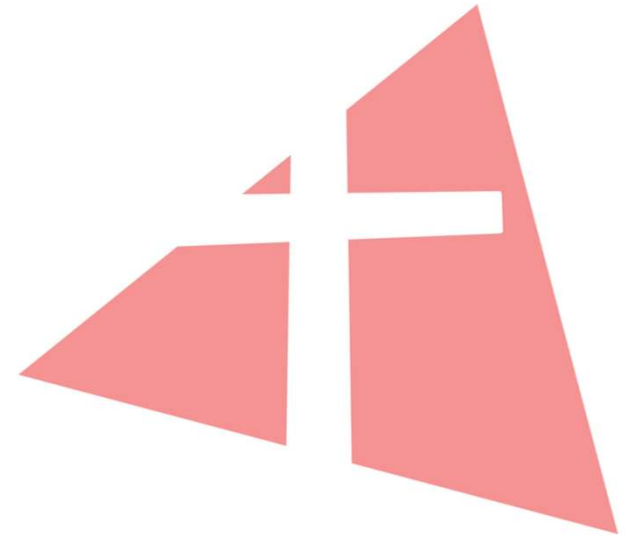
# WHY IS REPENTANCE HARD?

*John 7:7 The world cannot hate you; but me it hates, because I testify of it, that the works thereof are evil.*



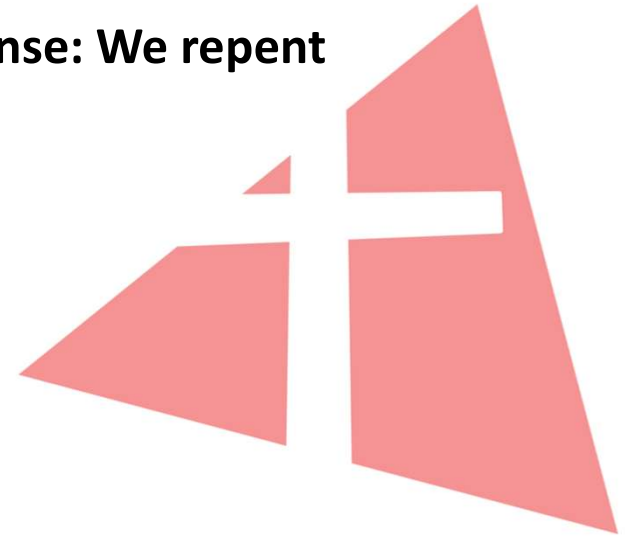
# JESUS' MESSAGE

- You are all evil
- I am holy
- To come to me, you need forgiveness
- I offer you forgiveness, on the cross



# OUR RESPONSE?

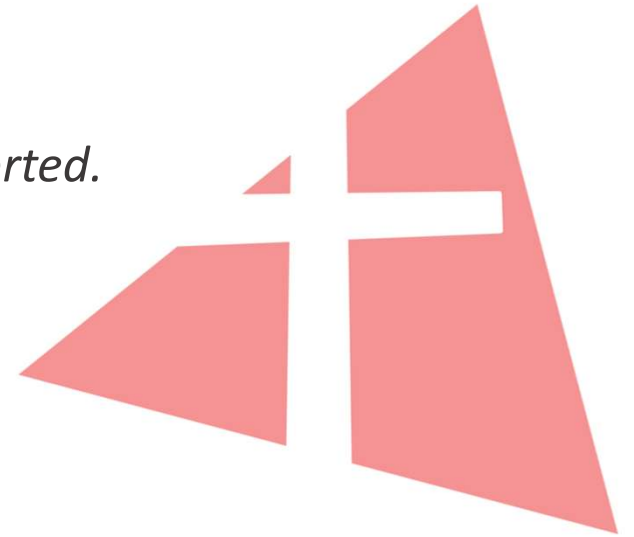
- If we believe what Jesus said, there is only one possible response: We repent
- If we don't repent, it shows we don't really believe



# REPENTANCE

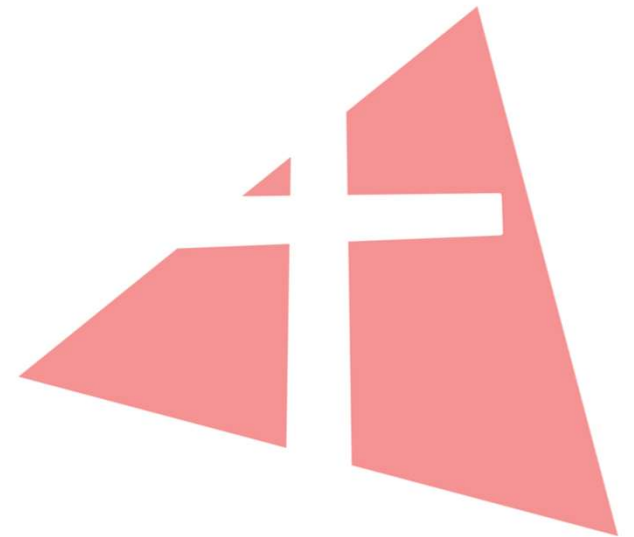
- **Repentance is evidence of Faith**

*Matthew 5:4 Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.*



# NEXT WEEKS

- What is repentance (not)
- How repentance and works are related
- Saul and David
- How we can evaluate ourselves





# IN CONCLUSION

- Repentance is (one of) the clearest signs that our Faith is genuine

