

**Sovereign Grace Church**  
**“Repent, and Believe” outline**  
April 7, 2019

**Mark 1: 14-15**

*In our short Lenten series we have considered the original creation of mankind....that we were created very good and special, in God's own image. We were in direct personal communion with our Creator and had been given responsibility for the care of the rest of creation. Then we saw how this glorious condition was turned on its head with the disobedience of Adam and Eve. In their interest of “knowing good and evil” they disobeyed God and lost their privileged status. They still bore the mark of God's image but that mark had become twisted and distorted in the pursuit of that which contradicted God's being and thus their own blessing. Then, last week we considered God's gracious work of restoration whereby He provided for the redemption of mankind and thereby that of the rest of creation. God sent His Son to bear the curse of our sin and show us how to live, fully and freely, in His kingdom of grace and love. This morning we will consider how it is the we humans can gain entry into this Kingdom. It involves two simultaneous actions: repentance and faith. We will consider both of these as gateways into Christ's Kingdom today.*

**1. What is the Goal of the Redemption which God has provided in Christ?**  
**Rom. 8: 29; Phil. 3: 8-11**

**2. The Source of our Repentance and Faith**  
**Jer. 31:33**

**3. Repentance**

- **Jesus' Command Matt 4: 17b**
  
- **Sorrow for sin II Cor. 7: 9-10**
  
- **Christ's Invitation Rev. 3: 19-20**
  
- **Unto good works Matt. 3: 8; Prov. 3: 5-6**

#### **4. Faith Heb. 11: 1**

- **Justified by Faith in Jesus Gal. 2: 16**
- **Walking by Faith in Jesus Rom. 4: 12**
- **Facing Trials by Faith in Jesus Heb. 11: 33-39**
- **Faith and Love I Cor. 13: 2,13**
- **Faith and Empowerment John 14: 12; 15:15**

#### **Questions for Conversation and Reflection**

- 1. How would you define repentance and faith in your own words? Can you give examples where you have done both over the course of the past 24 hours? How do repentance and faith relate to one another? Can you repent from sin without believing in Jesus? Can you believe in Jesus without repenting of your sin?**
- 2. How would you distinguish between godly repentance and worldly repentance? Can you give examples of this difference from the Scriptures? From your own life?**
- 3. Is repentance from sin something that happens just once or is it something that continues in our Christian life? If you repent of a particular course of conduct and then pursue this course anyway, have you really repented of it? How is our repentance related to time? Is repentance only good for the moment? Is there such a thing as a “life” of repentance? How would that look?**
- 4. What does it mean to “believe in” someone? Can you think of examples from history where people “believed in” or “entrusted themselves to” someone and were disappointed? What sort of faith or belief do demons have with reference to God? (Jms 2:19) Is there such a thing as a “life” of faith in Christ? How would that look?**