

THE 30-DAY PRAYER CHALLENGE

“Repent – A Breath of Fresh Air”

James 4:7-10

Sometimes the air we breathe gets stale and stuffy, so we step outside and get a breath of fresh air. Sometimes our walk with the Lord gets stale and stuffy because of the sin in our lives. We get a breath of fresh spiritual air by dealing with our sins. The way we do that is by repentance. This morning’s teaching will discuss the dynamics of repenting of our sins so that we can have a more fruitful relationship with God.

#1. REPENTANCE REQUIRES _____ TO GOD, v. 7a

- A. Submission recognizes God’s authority over us
- B. Submission is a surrender of our will to God’s will
- C. Submission reestablishes God’s rightful place in your life
- D. Submission was perfectly demonstrated by Jesus, Heb 5:7

#2. REPENTANCE REQUIRES _____ THE DEVIL, v. 7b

- A. Resistance requires knowing the Devil’s tactics
- B. Resistance requires knowing the Word of God to withstand the Devil’s lies
- C. Resistance requires combat readiness, Eph 6:10-18, 2 Tim 2:3-4
- D. Resistance makes the Devil flee from you

#3. REPENTANCE REQUIRES _____ TO GOD, v. 8a

- A. Coming near to God is personal intimacy with him
- B. Coming near to God happens in worship, Heb 10:22
- C. Coming near to God results in God coming near to you

#4. REPENTANCE REQUIRES _____ OF SIN, v. 8b

- A. Wash your hands – clean up your external behavior, 1 John 1:9, Isa 59:2
- B. Purify your hearts – clean up your internal thoughts, Joel 2:12-13
- C. Eliminate double-mindedness, Mat 6:24, James 1:6-8
- D. Bear fruit in line with your repentance, Mat 3:8

#5. REPENTANCE REQUIRES _____ OVER OUR SINS, v. 9

- A. Repentance involves grieving over our sins, 2 Cor 7:9-10
- B. Repentance involves mourn over our sins, John 16:8
- C. Repentance involves wailing over our sins
- D. Repentance involves a change of heart – laughter to mourning, joy to gloom

#6. REPENTANCE REQUIRES _____ BEFORE THE LORD, v. 10

- A. Humility results in God giving you more grace, v. 6
- B. Humility results in God lifting you up
- C. Humility keeps us connected God, Isa 66:2

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- #1. Why is it difficult for some Christians to confess and repent of their sins?
- #2. What does it mean to submit to God?
- #3. What conclusions can you make about Jesus' submission to the Father? Hebrews 5:7
- #4. What are some of the Devil's tactics that he uses against us?
- #5. What is the relationship between submitting to God and resisting the Devil?
- #6. In what sense are Christians spiritual soldiers?
- #7. What is the relationship between confession of sin and repentance of the same?
- #8. Why should we be sorrowful about our sinful ways? 2 Cor 7:9-10
- #9. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in confession and repentance?
- #10. In what way(s) does the Lord life us up when we humble ourselves before him?
- #11. What is your takeaway from this teaching?

Welcome

To

Hillcrest Church!

*Love, Acceptance &
Forgiveness!*

*I call on you, my God, for you will answer me;
turn your ear to me and hear my prayer.
Show me the wonders of your great love
Psalm 16:6-7*

November 13, 2022
Pastor Bruce Guckelberg, PhD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY - NOVEMBER 13th

Pastor Bruce will be teaching his last message on prayer this morning, as we have concluded the 30-day prayer challenge. Thanks to all who participated in the prayer challenge, but we can all continue to pray for the revitalization of Hillcrest Church.

POTLUCK CELEBRATION AFTER THE SERVICE

It's time to celebrate God's goodness to us. We had a great Halloween outreach, we remodeled our kitchen, we had our 30-day prayer challenge and we are moving in a good direction for the future. Let's celebrate!

NOVEMBER 23rd – BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday night Bible study at 6:30 is cancelled due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

NOVEMBER 27TH – ADVENT SEASON BEGINS

The first Sunday in the Advent season, which is when we begin the countdown to our Christmas Eve service at 7pm.

NOVEMBER 27th – DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

Snacks and beverages will be served as we set up the tree and other decorations around the church after our service.

UPDATING OUR DIRECTORY FOR 2023

We would like to see everyone included in our Hillcrest church directory. There is a form at the information station in back of the sanctuary that you can fill out.

ONLINE GATHERINGS

Tuesday Prayer at 7:00pm, Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30pm
Go to the online meeting room on our website (hillcrestRoseville.com) to access the gathering.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Our offering box is in the back of the sanctuary. You can place your tithes and offerings there, or you can visit our website and give online (hillcrestroseville.com).

YEAR END GIVING TO THE GREAT COMMISSION FUND (GCF)

As we come to the end of 2022 we are mindful of the importance of supporting all our missionaries through the GCF. Would you consider a generous year end offering to the GCF. You can designate "GCF" in the memo of your check.

YEAR END GIVING TO THE BUILDING FUND

Please consider giving generously to our building fund, which helps pay for our remodeling projects on the facility. We have made great progress upgrading our building because we had the funds to pay for the materials.