

Sermon Notes

Life Action Redux/Warm Up #3: "Repentance"

I Corinthians 6:9-11

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1. I don't know if you have noticed it or not, but our _____ is changing.
 - a. I am not referring to whatever the latest word is for what used to be called _____ or _____, or bad or...
 - b. I am referring to the elimination of words that our culture seems to have _____ for.
 - i. Words like, "_____" and, "_____."
 - ii. We have simply decided that the _____ these two words establish are _____.
2. These changes are not just occurring in the society around us, they are also occurring in the _____.
 - a. A similar thing seems to have happened to the word, "_____."
 - b. More familiar are words like _____, receive, _____.
 - c. _____, similarly, has become a bit too _____.
3. But, while the word may seem _____ (more of an OT word/concept than a NT word/concept), and not in line with the _____ message of Jesus, the biblical evidence for such notions is non-_____.
 - a. Repentance is more a _____ concept than an _____ concept. (_____% more frequent).
 - b. Jesus not only puts it at the _____ of his _____ (Matthew 4:17),
 - c. he indicates that it is to be a _____ of _____ for those he delivers from darkness. (Luke 5:32)
 - i. This is what Martin Luther was referring to in his _____.
 - a. "When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, 'Repent,' he intended that the _____ of believers should be repentance."
 - d. So, despite the modern church's _____ to the word, _____ is at the center of the faith, and we really need to know what it is and what it means.
4. Though our text today is _____, and though the word, "_____" is not even used in it, it holds for us five _____ things that we need to know about repentance.

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5. The first critical thing this text shows us about repentance is that repentance is _____ – a change of _____.
 - a. Repentance is _____ from darkness to light, from _____ to righteousness.
 - i. When Paul refers to the unrighteous in verse 9, he is not referring to those who have not, "_____ Jesus," he is referring to those who _____ unrighteousness.
 - ii. Even as he makes clear in _____ 2:1-11.
 - iii. As does _____ in places like Matthew 7:21-23.
 - b. While many think of this as, "_____ righteousness," and speak much of, "_____" they _____ the clear teachings of scripture that without the living testimony of one's _____ there is no proof of their _____. (James 2:14)
 - c. This doesn't mean that we are _____; it means we are ever-_____. (Phil. 3:10-15)

6. The second critical thing this text shows us about repentance is that repentance is _____.
 - a. It is necessary in order to _____ the kingdom of heaven.
 - i. This means, “to be _____.”
 - b. This is why it is so important that we not be _____. (vs. 9)
 - i. We cannot _____ in sin and _____ the salvation of Christ at the same time.
 - ii. “_____ is not _____.”
7. The third critical thing this text shows us about repentance is that repentance is _____.
 - a. More and more, there are _____ teaching that this kind of biblical repentance is _____, and not to be _____.
 - b. But, if it is not possible, _____ could all of these people have _____ it? (vs. 11)
 - i. And how could God _____ it?
 - c. The _____ are clear that turning from sin is possible. (II Peter 1:3-4, I Cor. 10:13)
 - d. We must draw upon the _____ that he has given us. (Romans 8:1-11, vs. 11))
8. The fourth critical thing this text shows us about repentance is that repentance is _____.
 - a. Each of us has a _____ – a _____ with sin.
 - b. Each of us has things that we are particularly _____ to.
 - c. Just because it is OK for _____ doesn’t mean it is OK for _____.
 - i. If it leads you to sin, you must _____ it. (Matthew 5:27-30, Matthew 18:7-9)
 - d. You are _____ for your fight against sin.
 - i. You must take it _____.
 - ii. You must employ whatever _____ are necessary.
9. The fifth critical thing this text shows us about repentance is that repentance is _____. (vs. 11)
 - a. The work of God in our sanctification is beautiful and leads to _____, _____, and blessing.
 - b. Those who are _____ are beautiful people, with beautiful _____.
 - i. Patient, careful, caring, honest, brave, worshipful, humble, sacrificial, loving...
 - ii. Sanctified people are _____ people.
10. I don’t know if you have noticed it or not, but our language, the language of the church is _____.
 - a. But, the eternal word of God _____ the _____.
 - b. Let us answer the Lord’s call, who came to call _____ to _____.