

inside out

part three | repentance | **joel 2:12-13** | 03-13-10

Repentance is turning away from sin and returning to Jesus Christ.

I. REPENTANCE MEANS _____

“Sin is
the dare of God’s justice,
the rape of his mercy,
the jeer of his patience,
the slight of his power,
the contempt of his love.”¹

2. REPENTANCE MEANS _____

¹ Ralph Venning, *The Sinfulness of Sin*, 32.

Steps of repentance:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

“Our God is a merciful God and one of the great joys of the believer is that he knows that when he comes to Christ with real repentance he will not be turned away, but rather he will find mercy in his time of need.”²

for discussion

- If the internet suddenly stopped working, how would life change for you? What would you miss most?
- What is repentance?
- What are the things you might be prone to love more than God?
- Why are half-hearted Christians the most miserable people in the world? Have you known anyone like this? What was life like for that person?
- Does sin seem bad to you? When was the last time you really felt sorry for sin? What would it take to experience that kind of sorrow for sin again?
- What are some of the benefits of returning to Christ?
- Look at 1 John 1:9 together. What does God offer to people who confess their sin?
- Of the steps of repentance Steve described, which is the hardest for you?

² Anthony Selvaggio, *The Prophets Speak of Him*, 39.

