



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
AT CASTLEWOODS

ORDER OF WORSHIP

October 24th, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP

Thomas Winn — Elder/Pastor

- The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship
- The Call to Worship Chris Kimbrell
- Hymn "Praise to the Lord"
- The Prayer of Confession and Praise Hal Pritchard
- Hymn "Christ of All My Hopes the Ground"
- Hymn "Near to the Heart of God"
- The Reading of the Word — *Malachi 2:10-17* Hal Pritchard
- Hymn "Be Thou My Vision"
- The Pastoral Prayer Pastor Winn
- The Sermon — *"The Nature of Repentance" (Jonah 3)* Seth Lirette
- A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached
- Hymnal "I Will Sing of My Redeemer"
- The Benediction Hal Pritchard
- The Postlude

EVENING WORSHIP

- The Prelude Prepare your heart for worship
- Hymn "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"
- Hymn "Jesus is All the World to Me"
- The Sermon — *"Marriage, Pt. VIII" (Ephesians 5:22-33)* Pastor Winn
- A Time of Reflection Upon the Word Preached
- Hymn "My Jesus I Love Thee"
- The Benediction Hal Pritchard
- The Postlude



COMMENTARY

R.C. Sproul

Cleansing oneself from dishonor (2 Tim. 2:21) involves forsaking that which is displeasing to God and turning to Him for pardon and sanctification (the setting apart for holiness). To put it another way, changing from a dishonorable vessel to an honorable one for the Lord's use requires repentance. We will now take a short break from our studies in 2 Timothy and spend a few days examining the biblical teaching on turning from sin with the help of Repentance, a teaching series by Dr. R.C. Sproul. In the original Greek, *metanoia* is the term that is most commonly translated as "repentance" in English. This word literally means "change of mind" and helps us understand what repentance really means. Fundamentally, repentance is a change of mind, a switch from an outlook that esteems sin to one that considers it abhorrent. It is important that we remember, however, that Scripture understands a true change of mind to be one that includes more than just a shifting of intellectual categories. To have *metanoia* — to have true repentance — involves feelings of regret and remorse. Repentance means we are truly sorry for something we have done (not just its consequences) and want to change our behavior. A repentant life is a changed life, not in that perfection is ever attained but in that the fruit of repentance —

a change in action and attitudes — becomes discernible in a person's character (Luke 3:7–9). Scripture repeatedly calls the people of God to repent, and it also knows of outward actions that people display to show their repentance. We see an example of some of these things in today's passage in the actions of the Ninevites. Hearing that the Lord was going to judge Nineveh, the people asked Him for forgiveness, showing their sorrow by wearing sackcloth and fasting (Jonah 3:1–9). At other points in the Old Testament we see specific prayers that were offered for repentance (Ps. 51) and the use of ashes to portray grief (Jer. 6:26). The Old Testament is clear that visible actions cannot replace the inward conviction that God demands of His people (1 Sam. 16:7). But when inner sorrow is present, outer deeds often display our true repentance. **Coram Deo:** External formalism is no substitution for inner contrition, but we are wrong if we think it is inappropriate to display our repentance publicly. When we have offended another, for example, it is often right to express our sorrow for our words or deeds to the offended party in order that they would see our repentance and be reconciled to us. Do you need to ask another person for his forgiveness as a part of your repentance?



RESPONSIBILITIES

Today's Nursery Volunteers

October 24th
<i>Morning</i> Elise de Waal & Allyson Leach
<i>Evening/Afternoon</i> Mary Price & Lawanda Winn
<i>Wednesday - October 27th</i> Amanda Spansel (<i>Claire Shores</i>)

Today's Sound Operator - Richard Jackson



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Preschool and Children's Choir will meet this afternoon.

REFORMATION CELEBRATION

We will have our annual Reformation Celebration on Wednesday, October 27th. Allow your child to dress up like one of the Reformers or a Biblical character and prepare a short speech about who they are. A time of fellowship will follow. Also, please bring a bag of individually wrapped candy to Mrs. Lawanda by October 24th. She is putting together bags to hand out to the children at celebration.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The collection date for Operation Christmas Child this year is November 14th. See Mrs. Lawanda with any questions.

