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 Referral Ministry of ROCK-Reclaim Our Culture Kentuckiana

THIS MONTH'S MEDITATION SCRIPTURE: *Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that the kindness (goodness) of God leads you to repentance? Romans 2:4*

Repentance: Way Of Life, Not An Event

The Lord has been speaking to me recently about repentance. I participate in a couple of prayer gatherings that meet monthly, and in one of them particularly repentance is a recurring theme. Do we even need to repent as Jesus' disciples? A quick review of the Scripture references to repentance in my concordance shows that repentance is not only essential for the new believer coming to Christ as he/she turns from a life of sin, but that it is also a vital component in the lives of His followers.

As we are working out our salvation with fear and trembling towards faithful obedience, as Paul explains in Philippians 2:12, repentance from ongoing sins we commit remains necessary in our maturing process, as we prove ourselves "to be blameless and innocent children of God above reproach..." v15

In my own life, there have been times when I have resisted repentance as a believer, being prideful and arrogant in my thinking that I was above having difficulties in certain areas of my life that were "not so bad."

Many churches have adopted policies of not talking about sin from the pulpit in deference to feel-good messages that promote believers' high self-esteem, but in reality fall short of the truth of God's view towards our sin. This practice can leave the Christian believing that Father never disapproves, never is angered, and never will allow negative consequences of our choices. Public repentance has all but become a thing of the past. We have healing services, miracle services, revival services, etc., but when was the last time you saw or attended a meeting specifically held for personal or corporate repentance by a congregation? In Revelation, God called four of the seven **churches** to repentance because of various sins going on within them.

Probably the most-quoted verse about repentance in recent history here in America, one that I hear quite frequently, is 2 Chronicles 7:14, which states, "...and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked

ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land..." Often, when I have heard this verse cited, the context has been in a Christian gathering, but spoken about our country and its sins, which I believe is a misunderstanding of the verse. God has not said if our **country** humbles itself, prays, seeks His face, and turns from its wicked ways, then He will fulfill those promises. He said, "...**and My people who are called by My name**..." We Christians, we followers of Jesus, those of us in the church pews must be the ones to repent of **our wickedness** if we expect that healing to take place. It is the Church that must set the example for the world, so that they can see and turn. I think we've gotten this wrong, and we must repent. At the end of that chapter in verses 21,21, we read, "...As for this house, which was exalted, everyone who passes by it will be astonished, and say, 'Why has the Lord done thus to this land and to this house?' And they will say, 'Because they forsook the Lord, the God of their fathers, who brought them from the land of Egypt, and they adopted other gods and worshipped them and served them, therefore He has brought all this adversity on them.'"

So, we have a mandate from our Father towards personal as well as corporate repentance. How will we respond? How will you respond? Father, awaken us to Your call to repentance, and may we be found faithful in our obedience?

[Responses From You](#)

From a SC pastor: Daniel, Sorry to hear about the fire. But thankful no one was hurt. God is Sovereign and He will provide and give grace. Bless you.

From an IN ministry supporter: It's hard to focus in face of devastation. However, we praise God there was no life lost & what reassurance / hope this picture brings! Also how the body of Christ is responding, providing new meeting place /potential for expansion.

[Upcoming Ministry Meetings](#)

Overcomers Group: Thursday, Dec 3, 2015; Thursdays, Dec 17 & 31, 2015—**Canceled**

Family & Friends Group: Tuesday, Dec 8, 2015; Tuesday, Dec 22, 2015—**Canceled**

[Ongoing Prayer Requests](#)

As always, we covet your prayers for our ministry to grow, financial support to increase, to move forward proclaiming freedom to the captives, and that churches would open their doors to Abba's Delight. Please pray for our ministry participants, our Family & Friends Support Group, our meetings, our conferences, events at which we sponsor and exhibit, our Board of Directors, and most importantly that many lives will be touched by the Holy Spirit to draw closer to Jesus, seeking freedom from their bondage. Please pray that church leaders and congregations will awaken to the necessity of being Biblically prepared with wisdom and God's love to face head-on the growing numbers of those in our congregations who are being

impacted, either directly or indirectly through a loved one, by homosexuality and the ever-increasing acceptance of gay life in our culture.

[Year-End Giving](#)

As we near the close of 2015, please remember Abba's Delight in your end-of-year charitable giving. Your tax-deductible contributions to the ministry will be greatly appreciated and used towards building God's kingdom on the earth in our own sphere of influence. If you have never given to Abba's Delight or give occasionally, please prayerfully consider becoming a monthly donor. If you are already a monthly donor, please prayerfully consider an additional amount to your current level. Gifts submitted or postmarked by December 31 will be counted as 2015 donations. Thank you, and may Father bless you, for your prayer and financial support.

If you do not wish to receive the Abba's Delight Ministry Newsletter any longer, please let me know. If you do wish to continue to receive it, please be certain to put our email address in your address book, so that this mailing does not go to your spam, and report to your carrier. Thank you.

Now unto Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority before all time and now and forever. Amen. Jude 24-25

