



RESCUE

Rescue // Part 3

Introduction:

This week Matt continues a new series called **Rescue**, with the message titled **Part 3**. This series is about the Gospel, the Greek word Euangelion which means Good News.

Last week we learned 'the heart of the problem is the problem of the heart', you are the problem. So you need **Rescue**. For this week we're going to look further at the idea of **Rescue**, and the idea of **Repentance**. The Bible doesn't let you get away with saying you're a Christian just because you've been to church a bit without any transformation, with no real repentance or change. What's the fruit of faith? How can you know that you're a Christian? We'll look at those questions & more in **Part 3** of the **Rescue** series.

Questions:

1. Do you ever wonder if you can know for sure that you are a Christian? What's the fruit of faith? What evidence should you see in your life to confirm your relationship with Jesus?
2. Do you ever wonder 'what does repentance look like'? What is repentance? When it comes to repentance, what doesn't our culture want to admit? What happens to you if your faith demands repentance? Does repentance seem Old Testament vs New Testament? **Mark 1:14-15**
3. If Godly sorrow leads to repentance & salvation, what does worldly sorrow lead to? How is repentance linked to the Gospel of God? **2 Corinthians 7:10**
4. What does it mean to walk in worldly sorrow?

- Worldly sorrow is horizontal and has nothing to do with God, with no acknowledgement that you have sinned against God, who are you worried about offending if not God?
 - Worldly sorrow is emotional and not spiritual, what happens when the emotion passes and the sin remains?
 - Worldly sorrow is passive towards the cause of that sorrow, trying to train your sin and is not serious about the danger of your sin, what if you are playing with dangerous forces much more powerful than you are?
 - Worldly sorrow is full of pride and avoids responsibility and consequences, how is this really just blame shifting and being defensive?
5. How does Godly sorrow lead to repentance and salvation without regret?
- Godly sorrow has sight, why is it important for this gift of God to help you to see sin for what it is? **Luke 15:17**
 - Godly sorrow leads to grief (embitterment of the soul), what happens to you when you feel the real weight of your sin? Does the reality of your sin break you? **Luke 7:36-38**
 - Godly sorrow leads to confession, how is this sorrow vertical, and active vs passive? **Psalms 51:1-4; Psalm 32:5; Psalm 40:12**
 - Godly sorrow leads to shame, how is this different from the shame the world experiences? How does this shame lead you out of the cycle of shame and guilt from worldly sorrow?
 - Godly sorrow produces a hatred for sin the way that God hates it, what happens when you see the results of your sin for the destruction it causes in your life?
 - Godly sorrow leads to **repentance**, how can that provide you with a life without regret once you see how Christ has redeemed your mess & covered your sin? **Hebrews 12:1-2**

Key takeaway: The fruit of faith is repentance. Repentance is really just sweet surrender. You see my sin, I grieve over it, I confess it. God I've sinned against you and you alone. And I'm going to turn from it. I'm going to put it to death, I hate it, the way you hate it God. And I want to live in the Rescue, the Redemption that you provide.

Summary:

- The fruit of faith is repentance, you'll know what's inside a person by what their life is bearing
- What does repentance look like?
- What's the difference between Godly sorrow & worldly sorrow?
- Worldly sorrow is:
 - Horizontal, no acknowledgement of sin
 - Only emotional & not spiritual
 - Passive towards the cause of that sorrow, it's more about trying to train sin (like training a lion), lack of seriousness about the danger of sin
 - Full of pride & avoids responsibilities & consequences, blame shifting
- Godly sorrow:
 - Has sight, it can see sin for what it is
 - Leads to grief, anguish, sadness, embitterment of the soul
 - Leads to confession, it's active
 - Leads to shame that leads you out
 - Produces a hatred for sin like God hates it
 - Leads to repentance & life without regret