# The 1<sup>st</sup> PRIORITY OF THE GOSPEL

## What is the NUMBER ONE PRIORITY of the Gospel?

What did Jesus consider the 1<sup>st</sup> priority of the Gospel?

#### Matthew 4:17

That priority never slackened for him!

# Matthew 11:20, 21; Matthew 12:41

What did John the Baptist consider the 1st priority of the Gospel?

## **Matthew 3:1-3**

What did Peter consider the 1<sup>st</sup> priority of the Gospel?

Acts 2:37, 38

In Acts chapter 2 we read of Simon who had been a sorcerer.

Acts 8:20-23 Simon believed and was baptized but had not Repented.

# According to Jesus, John the Baptist, and Peter REPENTANCE IS THE 1<sup>ST</sup> PRIORITY OF THE GOSPEL!

Biblical repentance is changing your mind about your sin.

You no longer toy with your sin, you forsake it. You flee from it.

Biblical repentance is changing your mind about Jesus Christ.

You no longer ignore him. You worship Him, adore Him, and cling to Him.

## I. CONSIDER THE PHILIPIAN JAILER.

#### Acts 16:29-31

The jailer had already changed his mind and his conduct!!

The next step was to believe!!

REPENT AND BELIEVE!

When we repent – God can move!!

# II. CONSIDER THE CHURCH AT EPHESUS

# Revelation 2:4, 5

## III CONSIDER THE CHURCH AT PERGAMUM

## Revelation 2:14-16

The church had allowed those who held o false doctrines to even have places of leadership.

## IV. CONSIDER THE CHURCH AT SARDIS

#### Revelation 3:1-3

Sardis, the church that had a name that said it was alive, but it was dead

#### Conclusion:

Without Repentance there can be no Forgiveness.

Without Repentance, there is no Salvation.

Without Repentance there is no fellowship with God.

Without Repentance there can be no Joy.

Without Repentance there can be no Peace.

Without Repentance there can be no Love.

Without Repentance there can be no Eternal Life.

#### Invitation:

A call to repent!