

**MISSIONARY FAMILIES OF CHRIST**  
**CHRISTIAN LIFE SEMINAR**  
**Participant's Handout**

**SESSION No. 3: REPENTANCE AND FAITH**

1. God loves us, God sent His own Son to die for us, God has initiated a relationship with us as Father. Our proper response to all God has done for us is repentance and faith.
2. The Greek word for repentance is "metanoia," which literally means a change of mind.
  - \* It is a change of direction in life. It is a change in the way we live our lives, dropping an old set of ideals and values and adopting new ones.
  - \* Specifically, repentance means a turning away from sin, evil, wrongdoing and running your own life.
  - \* Further, it is turning to a life of obedience to God and having Jesus on the throne of your life.
3. Specific serious sins we must renounce: participation in non-Christian religions; spiritualism and the occult; sexual wrongdoing; serious crimes (murder, rape, etc.); drunkenness and drugs.
4. Faith is belief in the good news of salvation in Jesus.
  - \* It is a belief in Jesus as our personal Savior.
5. Consequences of repentance and faith:
  - \* Salvation from sin, Satan, death.
  - \* Forgiveness and eternal life with God.
  - \* New life in the Holy Spirit.

**Discussion starter**

1. Share with one another areas where you need to turn more fully to God.
2. Share areas where you need to grow in faith.

**Scripture readings**

Mark 1:14-15	1 John 1:5-10
Galatians 5:13-21 and	Luke 15:11-24
1 Corinthians 6:9-11	Luke 11:9-13
Ephesians 5:1-10	Hebrews 11:1-40

**The challenge**

Jesus sounded the call to repentance and faith 2,000 years ago. This is the same call to us today. Turn away from sin and all obstacles to God, and accept Jesus as Lord and Savior. Then take God up on all His promises.