

The fruits of repentance, 1

Repentance is not merely about feeling sorry for sin or confessing wrongdoing. Genuine repentance produces lasting change in the life of a believer. This change, often referred to as the “fruits of repentance,” is the evidence of a heart transformed by God’s grace.

As John the Baptist declared, “Produce fruit in keeping with repentance” (Matthew 3:8). In this chapter, we will explore what these fruits look like in the life of a believer and how they impact our relationship with

God, others, and the world around us.

1. A Changed Heart and Mind

True repentance begins with a change of heart and mind — a turning away from sin and a turning toward God. This transformation, known as metanoia in the original Greek, involves a complete reorientation of our thoughts, desires, and priorities.

Paul describes this process in Romans 12:2: “Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”



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It is sure to come

Recently my wife met with a group of retired teachers for a fellowship meal at The Whistle Stop. After returning home, one of the teachers sent a question: "What happens after we die?" I decided to share my answer with you.

Death is a mysterious thing, but it is a certain thing — it is sure to come if the Lord tarries His coming.

The Garden of Eden was beautiful. God said to Adam and Eve, "You may eat of the fruit of all the trees in the garden except one. If you eat of that tree you shall surely die." They disobeyed, they ate the fruit, and death — physical and spiritual — was set up in their bodies.

Death is often spoken of in the Old and New Testaments — it seems like on every page. It was in some

of the stories that Jesus told. The Bible says that David, Solomon, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob died. We, too, will die. Every day brings us closer to our eventual death.

So, what happens when death comes? First, for the believer. Most likely, the body is placed in a grave, and our soul is com-

mended to God. The body decays and remains there until Jesus returns, then the body is raised, changed, made like Jesus and is present with the Lord forever (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).

There is no such thing as the soul sleeping in the grave. Paul said in 2 Corinthians 5:8 to be "absent from the body" is "to be present with the Lord." He expected his soul to go to be with the Lord the moment he died (Philippians 1:23-24). There is no support for soul

sleeping in the Bible.

When a Christian dies, the body goes to the grave and the soul to the Lord. Jesus said to the dying thief, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43). "Today" — not tomorrow.

Everyone needs to place faith in Christ for salvation. But the Christian must also prepare for death. Paul says that, after death, the Christian must appear before the Judgment seat of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:10). This is not to determine our salvation, but our rewards. Some will have little to show for service for Christ.

What happens for the unbeliever? Jesus says in Luke 16:22-23 "... he lifted up his eyes being in torment." Revelation 20-22 tells of the full measure of suffering.

We have a choice as to where we go. It is up to us. Death is sure to come. Be prepared.

A renewed mind enables us to view sin as God does: something to be grieved and forsaken, not embraced or excused. This internal change is the foundation for the outward fruits of repentance.

2. Obedience to God’s Word

One of the most evident fruits of repentance is a growing desire to obey God. Jesus said, “If you love me, keep my commands” (John 14:15). Repentance is not just about saying, “I’m sorry;” it is about aligning our lives with God’s will.

Consider Zacchaeus, the tax collector who repented after encountering Jesus. His repentance was not just words — it

was accompanied by action. He pledged to repay those he had wronged and give half of his possessions to the poor (Luke 19:8). Zacchaeus’ obedience demonstrated the sincerity of his repentance.

Obedience is not about earning God’s favor but about living in gratitude for His grace. It reflects a heart that is committed to honoring Him in every area of life.

3. Restitution and Reconciliation

Another fruit of repentance is the desire to make things right with others. Genuine repentance compels us to seek forgiveness from those we have wronged

and, where possible, to repair the damage caused by our sin.

In Matthew 5:23-24, Jesus emphasizes the importance of reconciliation: “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.”

Restitution might involve apologizing for hurtful words, or repairing broken relationships. While reconciliation is not always possible, the effort to make amends is a powerful testimony to the authenticity of our repentance.

Why go to confession?

Why do Catholics tell their sins to a priest when they

can go directly to God? Let’s first talk about how Jesus humbled Himself. The very first day of His life He humbles Himself, born in a manger. Then condemned by Herod as a threat to his throne, the Holy Family had to flee for their lives to Egypt like criminals. Everywhere He goes, Jesus is reviled by the authorities of the Temple. Jesus rides into town on a donkey! Humility. At the Passover meal, He washes the feet of the Apostles. Jesus again humbles Himself to us in the bread and wine at the Last Supper. He feeds us with Himself as the Lamb of God. Jesus humbles Himself to the

Father in the garden. Mary’s Son is spit upon, scourged, laughed at, crowned with thorns, and hung with criminals to die, all for us.

To humble ourselves in confessing our sins is immeasurably small in comparison to the humiliation taken on by Jesus. He had the power to forgive

sins, which is obvious on many occasions. In Matthew 9: 1-8 and Mark 2: 5-12, Jesus then confers this power of forgiving sins to the Church by giving the keys to Peter. The priest acts “in persona Christi” (in the person of Christ) during confession. Check it out: Matthew 18: 18-9, Matthew 10: 40-452, Luke 24: 45-49, John 20: 22-23. You get the picture. In the infinite wisdom of



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God, He knows the weight of guilt (sin) on our minds and souls, thus the humility, forgiveness, and thankfulness upon leaving the confessional! Jesus, Mary, Joseph!

CHURCH SERVICES

EVELEIGH CHURCH

Eveleigh Church, 6674 Brandenburg Road (KY 259), Leitchfield, has Sunday School at 9 a.m., worship service at 10 a.m., and Wednesday night Bible study & Children’s Services at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Tommy Pendergest, 270-287-1314.

FAITH REDEEMED CHURCH OF GOD

1548 Anneta Road, Ky. 259 South, in Leitchfield, has worship service at 11 a.m. on Sundays. Pastor Ryan Himes 270-256-9774.

FALLS OF ROUGH BAPTIST CHURCH

Falls of Rough Baptist Church, located on Ky 79 between Rough River State Park and Short Creek has Sunday School at 9 a.m. and Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. On Wednesday, there are Kids for Christ at 4 p.m. and Bible study for all at 6 p.m. Pastor Roger Allen.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

First Baptist Church, 106 E. Walnut St., has Sunday School for all ages at 8:45 a.m., followed by a worship service at 10:00 a.m. On Wednesday evenings (all year except the summer months) we have discipleship classes for all ages. We have child care in our nursery for ages birth-5 years old during all services.

FIRST CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 501 W. Chestnut St., Leitchfield, has Sunday School at 9:45, coffee and doughnuts 10:30 a.m., worship service 11 a.m., Bible study Wednesday 10 a.m., Thursday 6 p.m., 270-259-3835. Bro. Jim Butler, Pastor.

FREE LIBERTY COMMUNITY CHURCH

72 Victory Heights Road, Leitchfield, 270-256-5723.

FREE ZION GENERAL BAPTIST

Free Zion General Baptist Church has Sunday School at 10 a.m., with worship service at 11 a.m. and Thursday nights at 7 p.m.

GOD’S MISSION FULL GOSPEL CHURCH

Senior Pastor, Bro. Kennith Smiley, Jr. Sunday morning worship 10 a.m.; Sunday evening

worship 5 p.m.; Tuesday prayer meeting, 10 a.m.; Wednesday evening service, 6 p.m.; Saturday nursing home ministry at Grayson Manor, 10 a.m.

GOD’S WAY CHURCH

God’s Way Church, 307 W. Market St., has Sunday School at 10 a.m., followed by worship service at 11 a.m. Also: Bible Study on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Tim Gage 270-230-2372.

GOSPEL BARN

Gospel Barn 710 Old Bee Spring Road Friday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 10 a.m. at the Gospel Barn. Pastor Irwin Decker. Everyone invited.

GOSPEL LIGHT MISSIONARY BAPTIST

Gospel Light Missionary Baptist Church in Caneyville has Sunday School at 10 a.m., and worship service at 11 a.m every Sunday. Church services the first Sunday of each month at 6 p.m. Bible Study every Wednesday at 7 p.m., except Business Meeting on the first Wednesday.

GRACE POINT BAPTIST CHURCH

Bro. Jasper Quisenberry would like to invite everyone to Grace Point Baptist Church. Services: Sunday morning at 11 a.m., Sunday night at 6 p.m., and the first Saturday night of each month at 7 p.m. 757 Dan Rd., Horse Branch. Any questions? Call Jasper Quisenberry at 270-589-8553.

HANGING ROCK BAPTIST CHURCH

Hanging Rock Baptist Church has Sunday School at 10 a.m. and worship service at 11 a.m. every Sunday. Pastor Daniel Dennis.

HILLTOP CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Hilltop Christian Fellowship in McDaniels has Sunday School at 10 a.m., Sunday worship 11 a.m., Sunday youth group 5 p.m., Wednesday prayer service 6:30 p.m., and children’s ministries 6:30 p.m. Pastor Harry Hertel, 270-257-0606. Food commodities given out Thurs 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Clothes Closet open Thurs. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Located at Ky. 79 and 105.

HOLLY BAPTIST CHURCH

Holly Baptist Church, located at 5106 Brandenburg Road, holds services each Sunday.

Sunday school at 10 a.m. Preaching service at 11 a.m. Bible study each Wednesday at 7 p.m. Pastor Allen Johnson. For more information, call 270-259-6456.

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church has church services at 10:30 a.m. and Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday. The church is located on 889 Lilac Road. Monty Geitz is pastor. For info, call 270-259-9241.

HOPEWELL MISSIONARY BAPTIST

Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church has regular church on the first Sunday at 6 p.m., third Sunday at 11 a.m., and the Saturday before the third Sunday at 6 p.m. Brother Blake Newton is the Pastor.

JESUS CHRIST NAME HOLINESS CHURCH

Jesus Christ Name Holiness Church, 432 Kelly St., Leitchfield, has services every Sunday at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Pastor, Bro. David Johnson.

JUBILEE THE CHURCH

Jubilee The Church, 206 E. Old Leitchfield Road, Clarkson, has services on Thursdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Pastor the Rev. Samuel Fulkerson.

LEITCHFIELD CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Leitchfield Christian Church, a non-denominational New Testament-based Christian Church, 117 W. Walnut St. invites you to Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and worship at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday. Nursery provided. Youth program meets on Tuesday at 6 p.m. with Bible lessons, games, songs. Adult Bible study on Wednesday in Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m. Minister, Lee Schroer-lucke.

LEITCHFIELD FIRST CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. with refreshments to follow. Worship service at 11 a.m.

LEITCHFIELD FIRST GENERAL BAPTIST

Leitchfield First General Baptist Church, U.S. 62 West, has services on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and worship services at 10:45

a.m. Pastor Bro. Tim Probus and the congregation invite you to come and be a part.

LEITCHFIELD LANDMARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST

Leitchfield Landmark Missionary Baptist Church, 116 W. Main St., one block west of the courthouse on the left. Services start at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday, with 11 a.m. worship, 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Bro. John Hart, from Faith Missionary Baptist Church of Des Arc, AR., will be conducting services. Everyone is invited.

LEITCHFIELD SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST

Leitchfield Seventh-Day Adventist Church located at the corner of Sunbeam Road and Chestnut has services every Saturday. Sabbath School is 10:30 a.m. and Worship Service is at 11:30 a.m. Pastor Kevin Dunn. For more information, call 607-725-6749.

LEITCHFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Leitchfield United Methodist Church at 201 West Main, Leitchfield, invites you to Adult, Youth, and Children’s Sunday School at 9 a.m. and Worship at 10 a.m. with Pastor Jordan Hunter. Nursery is available. Tuesday Night Community Fellowship Cafe is at 5:30 p.m. Youth, Middle School Program (HEART) and Celebrate Recovery meets on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. The LUMC Thrift Store is open

LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH

Liberty Baptist Church on Shrewsbury Road has Sunday School at 10 a.m., followed by worship service at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday: Adult prayer meeting at 6:30 p.m. Bro. John Routh, Pastor.

LIGHT OF THE WORLD WORSHIP CENTER

Light of the World Worship Center, at 117 Rabbit Flat Road, Caneyville, has services Sunday morning at 11 a.m. and Sunday evening at 6 p.m. For more information, call 270-702-3184.


LILAC ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

Times of services: Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Bible study, 10:30 a.m. worship, 5 p.m. worship, and Wednesday, 7 p.m. Bible study. At 1687 Lilac Road, Leitchfield.

LITTLE CHURCH

The Little Church will be having Sunday services at 11 a.m. on the second Sunday night at 6 p.m. The church is located at 7800 Shrewsbury Road, beside Town & Country Furniture Store. Pastor, Bro. William Dodson and the congregation invite everyone to attend. For more info, call 879-9093.

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LEGAL NOTICE

COMMISSIONER’S SALE
JUNE 3, 2025, at 11:00 A.M.
CENTRAL TIME
GRAYSON COUNTY
JUDICIAL CENTER
FRONT DOOR
500 CARROLL GIBSON
BLVD.
LEITCHFIELD, KY 42754

GRAYSON CIRCUIT COURT,
DIVISION I CIVIL ACTION
NO. 21-CI-00224

JOYCE VERSINO PLAINTIFF

VS. NOTICE OF SALE

DAVID BROOKS, ET AL.
DEFENDANTS


By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale entered March 18, 2025, the Special Master Commissioner will on June 3, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. or thereabouts, offer for sale the property described below. The property will be offered at public auction to the highest bidder on terms of TEN (10%) PERCENT down in the form of cash, cashier’s check or certified check, and the balance on a credit of thirty (30) days, secured by a bond with sufficient surety, and bearing interest at the accruing interest rate of 12.00% per annum from date of sale until the purchase price is paid. A lien will be retained on the property sold until the purchase money is fully paid. Please contact the Special Master Commissioner’s office prior to the date of sale to ensure that you have all information necessary to qualify to bid. Health and safety measures will be required.

Property Address:
1419 Pleasant View Road,
Millwood, Kentucky 42762

Parcel Identification Number:
057-00-00-023

The real estate will be appraised. The purpose of the sale is to satisfy a judgment in the amount of \$8,991.90, plus interest and costs. However, bids will not be required to meet or exceed the appraised value. The real estate has been adjudged indivisible and will be sold as a whole, including all improvements. It will be sold free of liens of all the parties hereto except for real estate taxes for 2025 and thereafter, and will be subject to all restrictions and easements of record.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that Grayson County Fiscal Court, 130 E Main Street, Leitchfield, KY 42754 has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to remove the bridge deck, beams and substructure and replace bridge with an aluminum box culvert with the same hydraulic opening size. The County will also install a temporary low water crossing to provide access to property owners during construction. The property is located off Fragrant Road, Clarkson, Kentucky; from Elizabethtown, KY take Western Kentucky Parkway southwest to Exit 112. Take KY 224 towards Millerstown. After 0.4 miles turn left onto Millerstown Lane. Travel 1.5 miles and turn right onto Rock Creek Road. After 2.0 miles bear left onto Fragrant Road. The bridge is 0.6 miles from the intersection. It is located over Rock Creek.

Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Surface Water Permit Branch, Flood Plain Management Section 300 Sower Blvd, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.