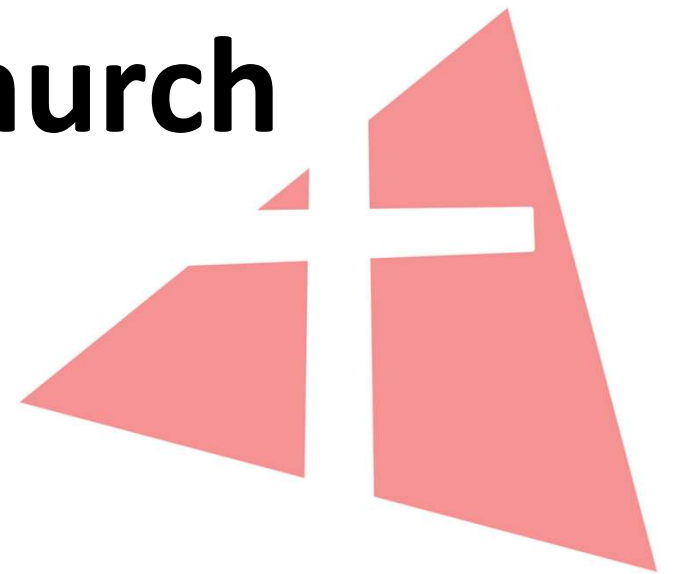


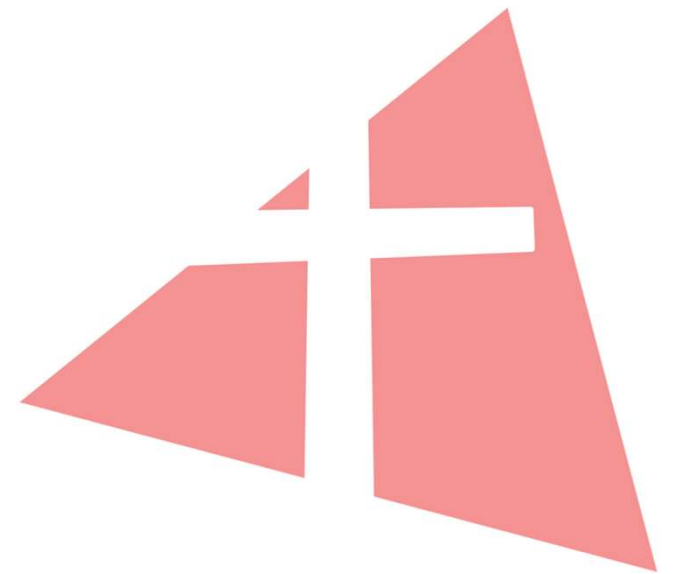
# **Sin, Identity and the Church**

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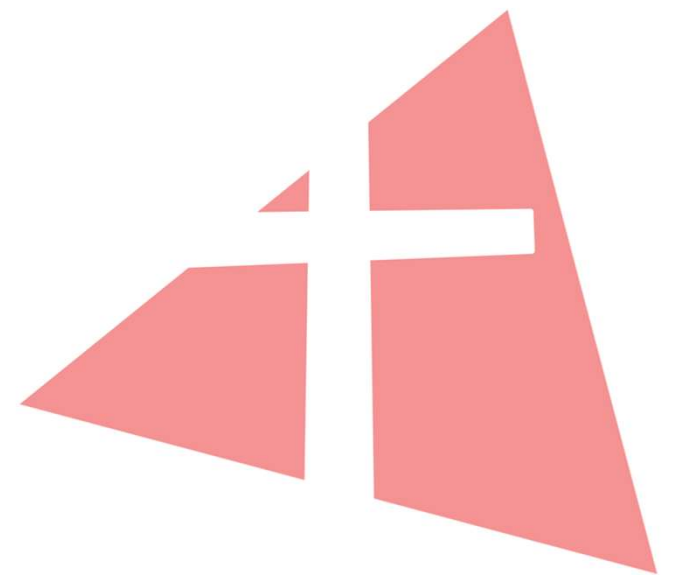
# Our Series

- **Who is God? Who am I?**



# Today's Focus

- **Sin, Identity and the Church**



# How do we become Children of God?

- Faith
- Repentance is one of the clearest evidence of our Faith

*Ephesians 2:8 For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:*

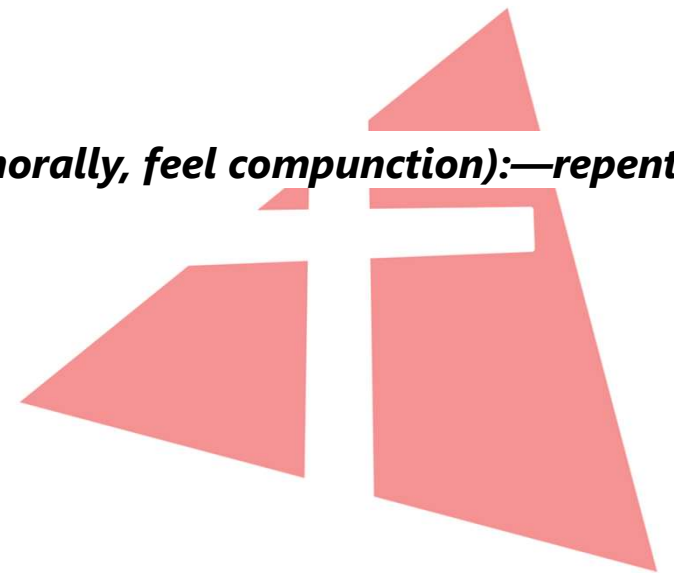
*Matthew 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

*Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

# What is Repentance?

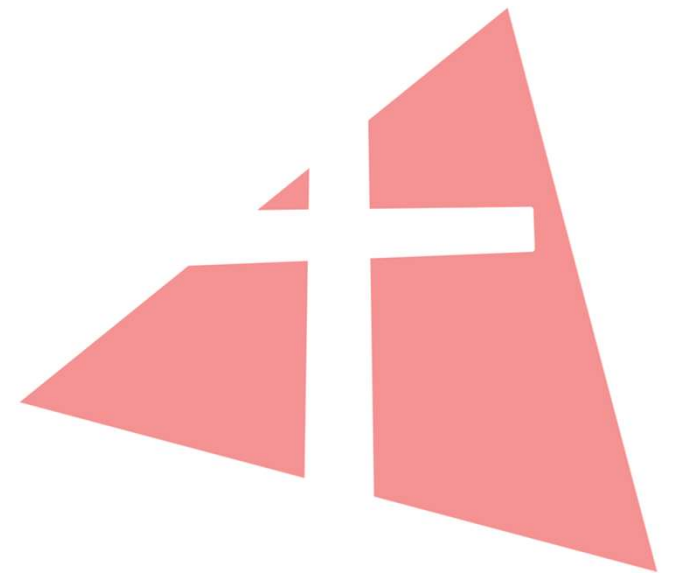
○ μετανοέω metanoéō, *met-an-o-eh'-o*

*from [G3326](#) and [G3539](#); to think differently or afterwards, i.e. reconsider (morally, feel compunction):—repent.*



# What is Repentance Not?

- If I do it again, I didn't repent
- If I am tempted again, I didn't repent
- If I have sinful desires in me, I didn't repent
- If the relationship isn't fully restored, I didn't repent
- ...



# One Biblical Principle

- Deal with the sin of other people within the church
- Not telling other Christians when we see sin in their lives is sin to us

*Galatians 6:1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering yourself, lest you also be tempted.*

*James 5:19-20 Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; Let him know, that he who converts the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.*

*1 Timothy 5:20 Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.*

# Another Biblical Principle

- Love and encourage one another

*1 Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also you do.*

*Galatians 6:2 Bear you one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.*

*1 Thessalonians 5:14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are idle, encourage the faint-hearted, support the weak, be patient toward all men.*

*John 15:12 This is my commandment, That you love one another, as I have loved you.*

*Hebrews 10:24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:*

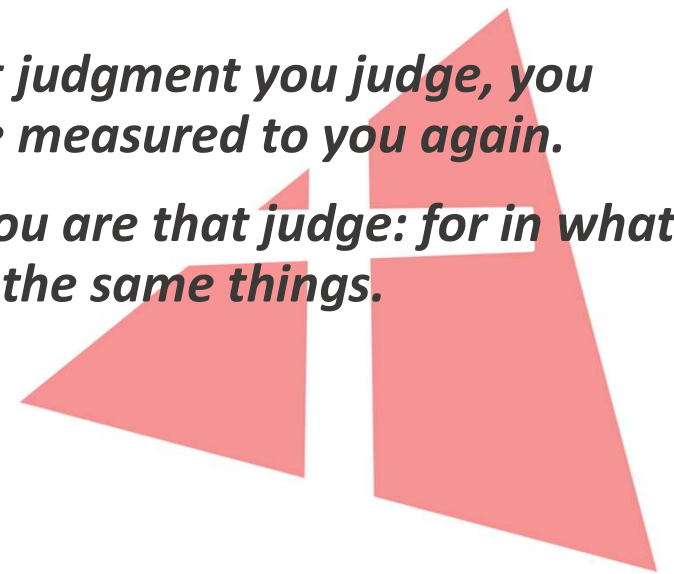


# Another Biblical Principle

- Do not judge

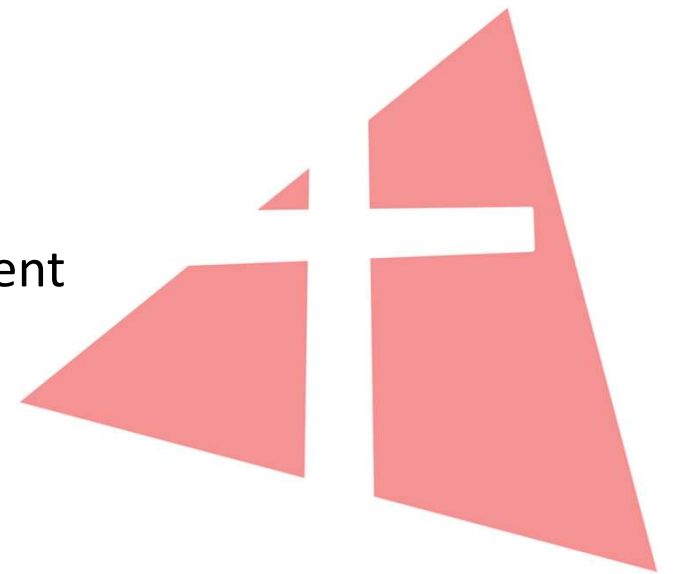
*Matthew 7:1-2 Judge not, that you be not judged. For with what judgment you judge, you shall be judged: and with what measure you measure, it shall be measured to you again.*

*Romans 2:1 Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whosoever you are that judge: for in what you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you that judge do the same things.*



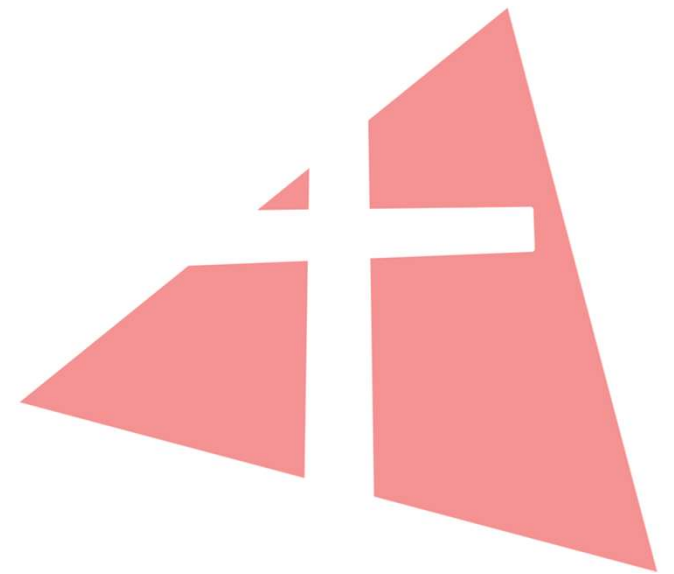
# Fully Both, not Either/Or

- **It's not either/or**
- **It's not 50/50**
- **It's fully both!**
  - Fully speak up about sin, correct and rebuke
  - Fully show unconditional love, forgiveness and encouragement



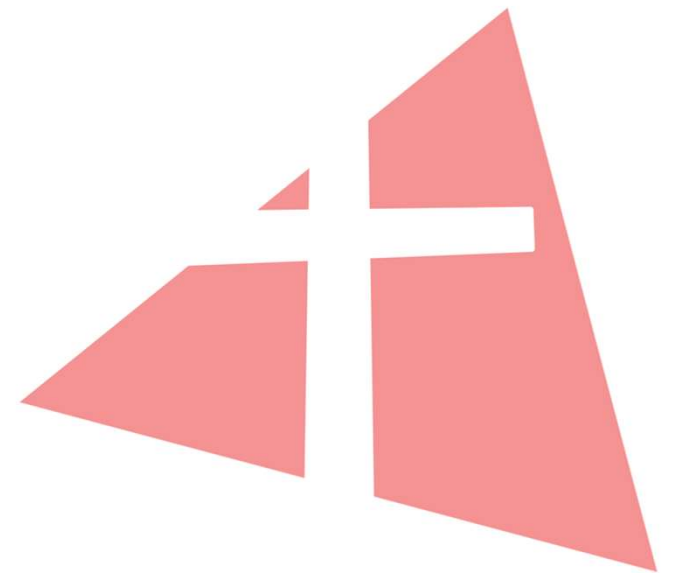
# What we can't do

- **Send out one message without the other**
  - Condemning, judging
  - Minimizing the importance of sin and repentance



# What if the other person shows no repentance?

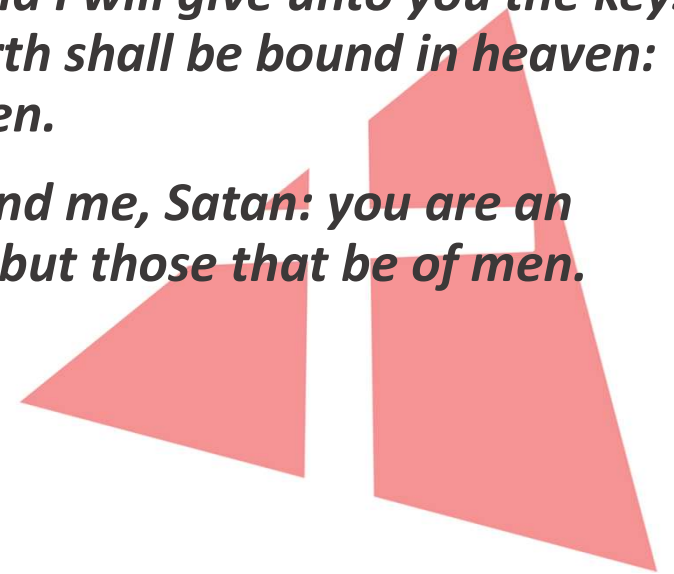
- **It's not our job to judge**
- **Our job is to reflect God's Truth**
  - God's Hatred for Sin
  - God's love and forgiveness



# Jesus' Example

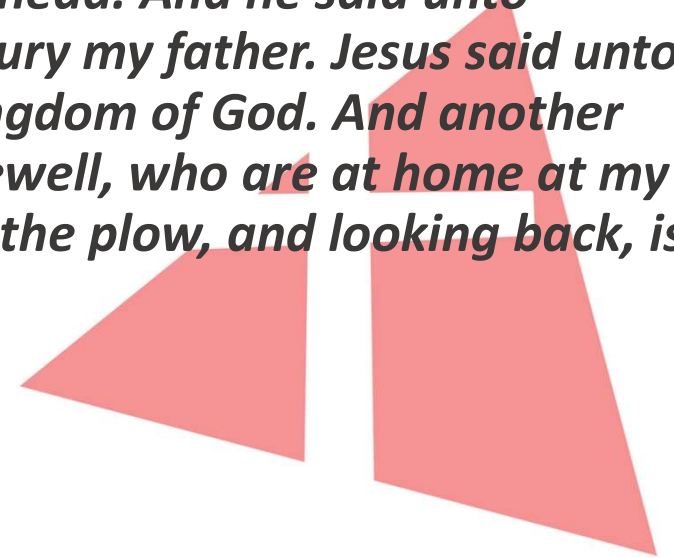
*Matthew 16:18-19 And I say also unto you, That you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.*

*Matthew 16:23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get you behind me, Satan: you are an offense unto me: for you consider not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.*



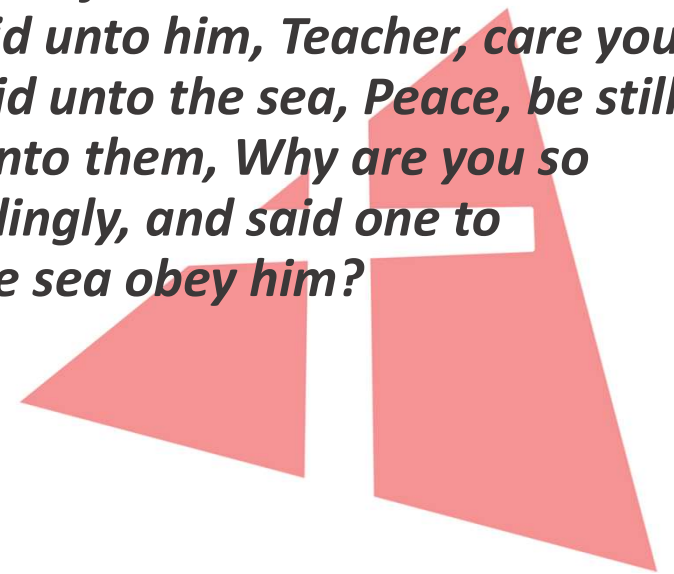
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*Luke 9:57-62 And it came to pass, that, as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, Lord, I will follow you wherever you go. And Jesus said unto him, Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man has nowhere to lay his head. And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, allow me first to go and bury my father. Jesus said unto him, Let the dead bury their dead: but you go and preach the kingdom of God. And another also said, Lord, I will follow you; but let me first go bid them farewell, who are at home at my house. And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.*



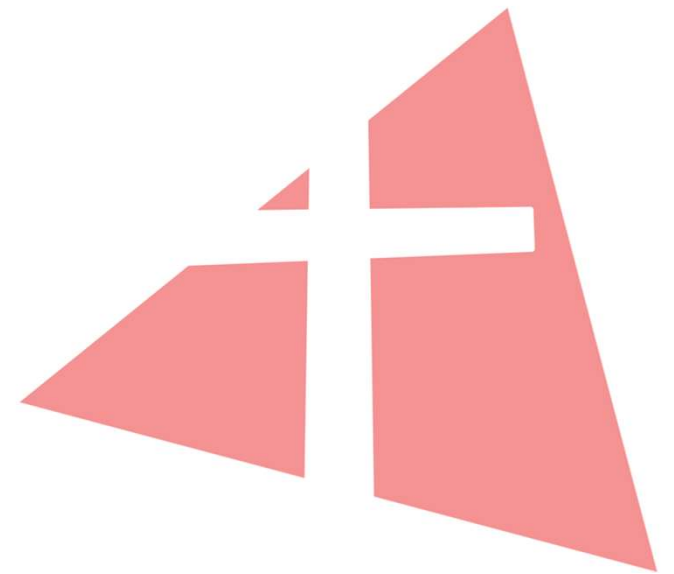
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*Mark 4:35-41 And the same day, when the evening was come, he said unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side. And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him just as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships. And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. And he was in the rear of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awoke him, and said unto him, Teacher, care you not that we perish? And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. And he said unto them, Why are you so fearful? how is it that you have no faith? And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?*



# Application

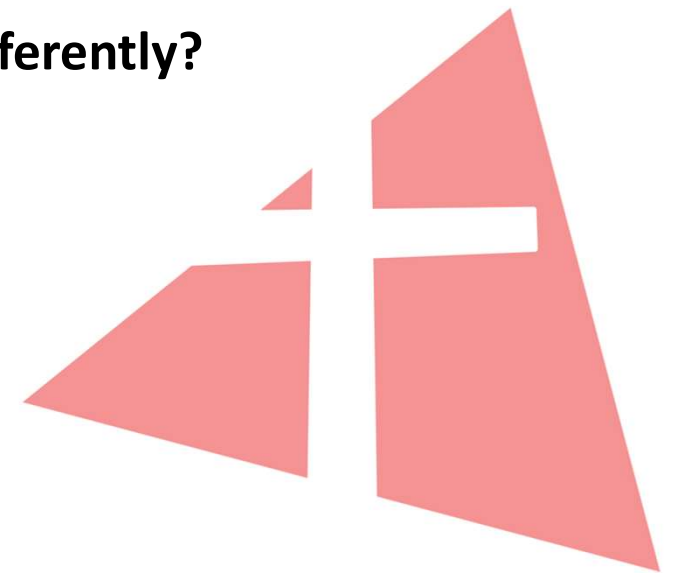
- **We need to follow these principles in all settings with other Christians**
  - In the church
  - In our family (spouse, children, etc)
  - With other Christians at work, hobbies, etc.
  - ...





# Short Soaking Time

- **Let's ask God to speak to us about "how we deal with one another"**
- **Are we leaning more towards one than the other?**
- **Does God put someone on our hearts that we should treat differently?**
  - Within our church
  - Within our family
  - With other Christians
  - ...





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