

The First Words Of Jesus

First words are important, last words are important, because they frame out lives. The first word that came out of Jesus' mouth as a preacher, was repent! It wasn't the word of love or acceptance, or a message trying to validate who he was in front of men; it was "repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Matthew 4 tells of the inauguration of Jesus' ministry. First, he was driven by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. Then after 40 days of fasting and prayer he came out in the power of the Spirit and began his ministry. Verse 17 says, "from that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand".

Whether we receive love and acceptance is based on our repentance. Today we ask people to come forward and accept a Jesus, they have never repented before. Repentance says there is something wrong with me, it's called sin. Sin is the reason Jesus came to take our sins. The word "sin" is too strong for most Americans so churches rename it "issues" or "dysfunction". To repent simply means to have a Godly sorrow over your sin. You realize you have offended a Holy God and you see it was your sins that put Jesus on the cross. The weight of the sin becomes more than you can deal with, and you

fall before him with tears. This is the kind of understanding we need to find Him. Without true repentance it is very easy to become "religious" but "lost". God help us as his own people to keep our focus and to live holy before the Lord!

Pastor Chambers

International Sunday **Sunday, June 7th** **10:30am**

Don't miss this great day of singing, preaching, and feasting both spiritually and physically. Thank God for the diversity culture in our church. God has truly put together a rainbow of people bonded by the blood of Jesus!

Coming Events

Graduation Dinner

Mon., June 15th

Roadhouse Grill – 7pm

**All Jr. High, Senior High, & College Graduates,
Please contact Steve Baker prior to the event!**

Youth to "Boomers"

Tues., June 23rd

12noon – 8pm

\$20.00

Youth – Presenting.....

"Night of Praise"

Sat., June 27th

Potluck & Praise for all!

6pm – 8pm

Rainbows, Daisies, Prims, Ranger Kids

To Chuck E. Cheese - Cerritos

Sat., July 18th

10am