

MESSAGE NOTES

December 6, 2009

Advent: Prepare The Way
Malachi 3:1-3; Matthew 3:1-12
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- We live between the _ historic advents or “ _____ ” of Jesus.
- This Christmas we can _____ for His _____ coming. Matthew 25:1-13

In those days, John the Baptist came...saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near...Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.” Matthew 3:1-2,8

WHAT IS REPENTANCE?

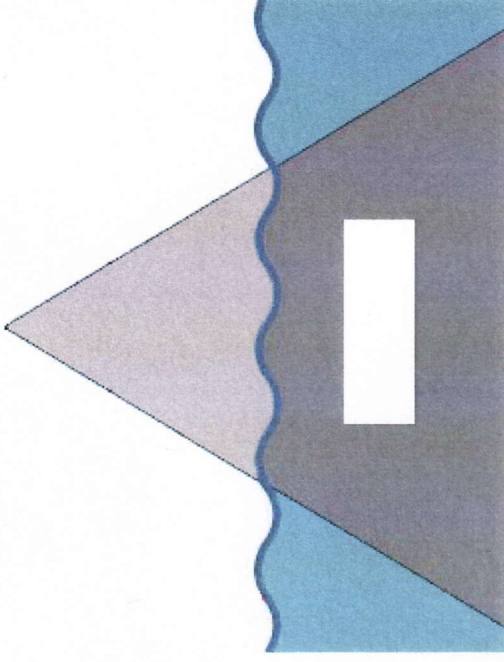
- A _____ change of mind/will & _____ to God. Luke 15:17-20
- Godly _____ over our sin that _____ us. Psalm 51:3-4; 2 Cor 7:9-11
- Always pursues “ _____ ” of godly _____. Luke 19:8; Acts 26:20
- The _____ that _____ us to God's grace. Acts 3:19; Titus 2:11-14

HOW DO WE PREPARE FOR THE LORD?

- Stop putting it _____ & _____ w/God today. Matt 3:2; Acts 20:21
- Stop _____ & _____ our sins by name. Matt 3:6; Jam es 5:16; 1 John 1:9
- Obey _____ & be _____ as His follower. Matt 3:5-6; Acts 2:36-41
- _____ in Jesus & _____ w/others. Matt 3:8; Luke 3:10-14
- Let His Holy Spirit keep _____ us. Matt 3:11; John 3:5-6; Galatians 5:5,16

And now, dear children, continue in Him, so that when He appears we may be confident and unashamed before Him at His coming. 1 John 2:28

- What's _____ me from being _____ for _____ ? 1 John 3:2-3



A Psalm of Anticipation

by Joe Bayly

Lord Christ

Your servant Martin Luther
said he only had
two days on his calendar
Today and that Day
and that's what I want too.
and I want to live today
for that day.

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