

A NEW BEGINNING: Getting to the Place of Repentance

Introduction:

Gospel means *glad tidings, news that is unbelievably good*. That gospel message is that your life and hope are not over. Where you are now; what things are like now -- in you or in your circumstances; where you find yourself today does not have to be the end. Today is not forever. Change is possible.

That is fabulous news for everyone.

No matter how good you have it now, you are keenly aware of stuff you know is not the way it ought to be. So am I about things in my life.

Broken relationships, huge debt, persistent depression, illness, hidden cravings, bad language, illicit sexuality, addictions and rages -- such stuff we want changed. Of course, there are those people who want to continue life as they are living it. But they are the minority.

Few of us want to continue doing/being wrong. We want change, but we don't know how to change. That is where repentance comes in. The starting point of the good new is an invitation to repent.

How do we get to the place of repentance?

Mark 1:1-6