

PENTECOST METHODIST CHURCH

LIVE-IT-OUT GUIDE

Sermon Date: 21/02/2021

Text(s): Hebrews 6:1–2

Sermon Title: Foundations – Repentance From Dead Works

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(The sermon recording is available in the PMC website and MyPMC App)

READ (5 mins)

Hebrews 6:1–2 (NKJV)

1 Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary *principles* of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,

2 of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

RELATE (30 mins)

(Relate to what was shared and on key themes in the sermon)

- 1. Imagine yourself on the ground looking up at a building that is 40-storeys tall, and you ask yourself this question, “Is it possible for this building to fall like a stack of cards under normal circumstances?” If you’ve visited any of the tall commercial or residential buildings in Singapore that are 40-storeys tall or more, have you ever wondered to yourself if that building could stand steady? If you believe it would, why do you think so?**
- 2. Hebrew 6 gives us 6 foundational stones. The first is repentance from dead works. So, what is repentance? Is it feeling sorry for our sins and wrongs? Is feeling sorry not necessary but only admittance of wrong is required? What do you remember from the sermon about what repentance is?**
- 3. Sometimes we hear the word *penance* used as we discuss the topic of repentance. What is penance all about and does it also have a place in the act of repentance?**

REFLECT (30 mins)

(Reflect and apply God's word to our daily lives)

1. **The preacher explained that a human being is made up of body, soul and spirit. Then at salvation, our spirit is made a new creation and is sealed by the Holy Spirit. If we have already been saved and redeemed, and no works of salvation need to come from us, does this mean there is nothing for us to participate in? What do you think?**

2. **Scripture is clear in saying that we are now the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. But before too long, we find that we still sin. Call it a mistake, call it a wrong, it is basically sin. What should be our attitude in this? Do we say it doesn't matter even if we sin? Do we go back to performing penance to soothe the pain in our remorseful hearts? How can we move forward in our spiritual life?**

REST (15 mins)

(Take time to share and pray for one another)

(Pray for our church, our nation, and our world. See MyPMC > PRAY for weekly guide)

- Pray for one another to have confidence in the eternal blood of Christ to cleanse and cover our sins, and to turn 180 degrees away from sin and towards God.
- *Pray for our church to be a mature people of God that desires to live in righteousness and to grow in Christian Perfection, in entire sanctification, so that we may be the light of God and the righteousness of God to this dark world.*
- Pray for the MCS to continue to be strong and stable, able to meet needs in Singapore, and stand out as a true witness of Christ Jesus.