The Turn God Is Waiting For!

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Scripture: Acts 11:15-18; *New International Version (NIV)*
Supporting Scriptures: Acts 1:8; Acts 11; Ephesians 2:11-22
Part 3: "The Work God Reveals After The Turn"

The Recap

Introduction: Matthew 4:17 served as the springboard for unpacking our series and exploring the deeper meaning of **repentance**. Jesus understood both the nature and consequences of sin. Therefore, He called sinners to turn toward God in **repentance** and place their faith in Him as the means of restoring their relationship with God and experiencing His divine favor. As we continued our journey toward understanding the significance of our key word, **"repentance,"** we began to recognize that repentance was not merely a command but stood at the very heart of Jesus' message. More importantly, we discovered that repentance is a gift of God's grace—an invitation to turn away from sin, experience spiritual transformation, and enter into a renewed relationship with Him.

Part 1: Matthew directs our attention back to John the Baptist's prophetic voice, where the roots of the message of repentance are heralded. Therefore, it is not a coincidence that Matthew challenges us to examine key biblical references and connects them directly to John's apparel (see 2 Kings 1:8), John's diet (see Leviticus 11:21-22), John's audience (Jerusalem, **all** Judea, and **all** the region around the Jordan), John's message (see Isaiah 40:3), and John's geographical location (see Exodus 16:1-8).

Part 2: Acts 17:29–31 reveals three key truths for God's offspring: repentance is a command rather than an invitation, and responding to it is an act of obedience. Most importantly, true repentance is enabled by the Holy Spirit—it is a gracious gift from God.

In the last message from this series, we continue in the book of Acts. This lesson ties the root of repentance not only to the Jewish community, but to the Gentiles, too. The Jewish Christians that made up the early church understood Jesus' commission to them (see Acts 1:8).

Beloved, repentance is not merely a human work, self-generated effort, or emotional response; it is a sovereign gift granted by God. It is God who prepares the heart, provides the opportunity, and enables the sinner to turn to Him. **TGBTG!**

Acts 11:15-18 *(NIV)*

Same Spirit, Same Evidence

15 "As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as He had
come on us at the beginning.

God Confirms The Turn

16 Then I remembered what the Lord had said: 'John baptized
with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' 17 So if
God gave them the same gift He gave us who believed in the Lord
Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?"

God Expands What He Confirms

18 When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised
God, saying, "So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance
that leads to life."

A Word of Hope

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