Session 4
“LIVING A SURRENDERED LIFE
REPENTANCE, ACCEPTANCE & RIGHTEOUSNESS”
REPENT AND BELIEVE: THE PATHWAY TO GOD’S SALVATION
a Spirit-breathed book of revelation
“repent and believe” are only found together in the New Testament (NKJV) four times.

“repent” or “repentance” is found 56 times.

“believe” or “believes” is found 222 times.

“faith” 303 times.
All are acceptable responses to our acceptance of the invitation God has made to us of salvation.
“repent” (metanoeo) – “to change one’s mind or purpose”

“believe” (pistueo) – “to be persuaded of” or “to place confidence and trust in something”

“faith” (pistis) – noun form of the word—meaning to “have faith” or to “have belief in something”
“To have an understanding or revelation of our sin and God’s provision, and to choose to trust God and go on His way in a manner that results in godly fruit in a person’s life.”
“He chose us” Ephesians 1:4

“He sought us out” Luke 19:10

“He convicted us of sin of judgment of righteousness” John 16:8

“He drew us to Jesus” John 6:44

Even our faith is “a gift from God” Ephesians 2:8

All of this is a picture of unwavering LOVE from a personal God
Repeating and believing are not one-time actions

It’s an action that has a lasting imprint on how we live our lives and that’s seen in how we:

“are saved, and we are being saved” 1 Corinthians 1:18

“we walk in repentance and faith” Colossians 2:6; Romans 1:17
STARTING IT ALL OFF
Redemption and restoration are ONLY made available to us because of God’s love. It’s His plan, and without His love there would be no way.
SURRENDER!
Pick up our cross, follow, lose our life to gain His

"Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.”

Matthew 16:24,25
Children of God

“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name”

John 1:12
“He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?”

Romans 8:32
“Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.”

1 Corinthians 2:12
RIGHTeousness
Because of Christ’s death, we are made righteous. Romans 3:22

All who believe have Christ’s righteousness placed on us.
Two truths in regards to righteousness that comes at salvation:

His salvation makes us “white as snow” Isaiah 1:18

His salvation causes us to become His adopted children John 1:12
Two hurdles in regards to righteousness:

Position vs. Possession

Declared righteous because of salvation, but don’t fully yet live it out

Adopted as God’s children, but don’t fully look like it yet
“being saved” and are “pressing forward” to become more and more like Christ in how we live
Philippians 3:12–14; Ephesians 5:1

“being transformed” into Jesus’ image from glory to glory
2 Corinthians 3:17, 18