

A gift wrapped in black fabric with a teal ribbon, set against a dark wood background with white sparkles. The ribbon has a repeating pattern of the text "Repentance is a gift of love".

REPENTANCE IS A GIFT  
OF LOVE

*After John was put in prison,  
Jesus went into Galilee,  
proclaiming the good news of God.  
“The time has come,” he said.  
“The kingdom of God is near.  
Repent and believe the good news!”*

*Mark 1:14-15*

*Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."*

*Luke 24:45-49*

*Repentance is to think differently about something. A change in how we think about something which then causes us to act differently.*

Eric Ferris

The Lenten Experience

*The Reformation Movement surfaced when Martin Luther nailed the “Ninety-five Theses” to the Church door in Wittenberg, Germany.*

*The very first of the theses stated that “Our Lord and Master Jesus Christ . . . willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance.”*

*...repentance is the way we make progress in the Christian life.*

*Indeed, pervasive, all-of-life-repentance is the best sign that we are growing deeply and rapidly into the character of Jesus.*

Tim Keller

*In all this, Job did not sin by charging  
God with wrongdoing.*

*Job 1:22*

*Oh, that I knew where I might find him,  
that I might come even to his seat!  
I would lay my case before him and fill my  
mouth with arguments. I would know  
what he would answer me and understand  
what he would say to me.*

*Job 23:3-5*

*The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise to return, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to perish, so he is giving more time for everyone to repent. But the day of the Lord will come as unexpectedly as a thief.*

*2 Peter 3:9-10*



## *The Lenten Experience*

*The challenge this week is to set aside 30 minutes to engage in the discipline of repentance.*

### *Options:*

- *The Repentance Handout*
- *The 10 Commandments-Exodus 20:1-17*
- *Holy Spirit vs Sinful Nature-Galatians 5:16-26*
- *Am I A Loving Person? - One Corinthians 13*