

I am reading a book by who I think is the premier theologian of our time: Wayne Gruden. The book is Free Grace Theology: 5 Ways It Diminishes the Gospel. Get a copy and read.

One of his concerns is that in the modern “salvation invitation”, the concern for the repentance and renewal requirement is missing. Here are only a few samples of his repentance quotes from the books:

1. Free Grace theology weakens the gospel message by avoiding any call to the unbeliever to repent of their sins.
2. Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out (Acts 3:19)
3. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and savior to give repentance to Israel and Christ (Acts 5:31)
4. ....testifying to both to Jews and Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus testifying forgiveness of sins (Acts 20:21)
5. The Lord is not slow concerning His promise, as some count slowness, but is long-suffering toward us, not purposing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. (2 Peter 3:9)
6. It is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all Nations beginning from Jerusalem (Luke 24:46-47)

Your position and thinking on repentance and your support of the people you serve around you demand that you get your thinking and spirit straight on this.

He makes many more observations worth your review. Repentance is a key to our walk with Jesus.

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