

Acts 20:21

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

Analysis

'Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.' The dual message - repentance and faith - summarizes gospel proclamation. Both Jews and Greeks needed identical response despite different backgrounds.

Historical Context

Repentance and faith together constitute conversion. Paul's universal message addressed all people with the same saving requirement.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. How do repentance and faith relate to each other in conversion?
2. Why did both Jews and Greeks need identical response to the gospel?

Interlinear Text

διαμαρτυρόμενος Ἰουδαίοις τε καὶ Ἕλλησιν τὴν εἰς
Testifying to the Jews both and to the Greeks G3588 toward
G1263 G2453 G5037 G2532 G1672 G1519

τὸν θεὸν μετάνοιαν καὶ πίστιν τὴν εἰς τὸν κύριον
G3588 God repentance and faith G3588 toward G3588 Lord
G2316 G3341 G2532 G4102 G1519 G2962

ἡμῶν Ἰησοῦν Χριστόν
toward our Jesus Christ
G2257 G2424 G5547

Additional Cross-References

Acts 2:38 (Repentance): Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 11:18 (Repentance): When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

Luke 13:3 (Repentance): I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Acts 20:24 (Witness): But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

2 Corinthians 7:10 (Repentance): For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

Luke 24:47 (Repentance): And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Acts 26:20 (Repentance): But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

Acts 26:18 (Faith): To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

1 John 5:5 (Faith): Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

Romans 10:9 (Faith): That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

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