

Starting Fresh...  
With a Clean Heart  
Psalm 51; Ezekiel 18:30-32

*"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me."*

Psalm 51:10

It is time for an honest look at our hearts.

It is time for an honest look at Hope Church.

**Main Point:** Through repentance and humility we receive a clean heart.

*"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe the gospel."*

Mark 1:15

Repentance- thinking differently or to reconsider; to feel remorse; to change one's life based on a complete change of attitude, action and thought towards sin. A change of mind which results in a change of lifestyle.

Humility- an attitude without arrogance or pride; a deep sense of one's moral smallness and low position. Not self-seeking; falling under submission to higher authority.

**Point:** To experience a clean heart, we must look honestly at our sin.

My choice with my sin:

- Hide or ignore it
- Blame others for it
- Compare it to someone else
- Confess it

“Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.”

Proverbs 28:13

**Point:** We cannot restore intimacy with God without repentance of sin.

*“Return, faithless Israel, declares the Lord, I will not look on you in anger, for I am merciful, declares the Lord; I will not be angry forever. Only acknowledge your guilt, that you rebelled against the Lord your God.”*

Jeremiah 3:12-13

**Challenge:** Pray David’s prayer (Psalm 139:23-24) and invite God to reveal areas where you need to repent.

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Next week: Starting Fresh...With New Mercy