

Intro: It's the message of all the Old Testament prophets.

It's the first word proclaimed by both John the Baptist and Jesus the Messiah in their public ministry.

It's the message of Peter at Pentecost.

It's the word from Jesus to five of the seven churches addressed in Revelation (the other two had already responded to it).

If humanity heard this message and heeded this word, we would not need the warnings of judgment in Revelation.

Sadly, however, Revelation 9:13-21 reveals the hard truth about the human heart.

The ❤️ of the matter is always a matter of the ❤️.

The Seven C's of Repentance

- I. Conscious – Being spiritually aware
- II. Concerned – Moving from “aware” to “care”
- III. Convicted – Seeing the sin in *your* heart
- IV. Confessing – Agreeing with God about your sin
- V. Contrite – Feeling remorse before God for your sin
- VI. Change – Thinking differently about your life with God
- VII. Celebration – Hearing heaven rejoice!

Close: Jesus tells three stories in Luke 15 which illustrate the seven C's of repentance. Look at God's heart in these stories and listen for his joy as our heavenly Father.