Christ-Enabled Repentance

(Zechariah; S. Terry at CFC; Sunday Morning 6/9/13)

Sermon Theme: We must rely upon God's "Branch", Jesus Christ, to enable our repentance as He purifies and gathers us to live with Him in His Temple forever.

I. Heed Christ's Call to Repentance (1:1-6)

II. Rely on Christ to Enable Repentance (1:7-6:15)

A. Vision #1, Four horses patrol the earth (1:7-17)
God will judge nations and choose to dwell with His people.

B. Vision #2, Four horns and four craftsmen (1:18-21)
God will judge the nations that scattered Judah.

C. Vision #3, Man with a measuring line (2:1-13)
God will dwell in glory with His people.
Oracle: Run to Jesus! He is plundering the nations of people, Jew and Gentile, to dwell with Him in Jerusalem.

D. Vision #4, Joshua the priest stands accused by Satan (3:1-10)
God is bringing in His Branch – Jesus the Messiah.

E. Vision #5, A golden lampstand and two olive trees (4:1-14)
God is using his servants – Zerubbabel and Joshua.
Oracle: Zerubbabel will rebuild the temple by God's Spirit.

F. Vision #6, A Flying scroll (5:1-4)
God will curse sin and purge all sinners.

G. Vision #7, An Ephah going forth (5:5-11)
God will remove all wickedness from the land.

H. Vision # 8, Four chariots patrol the earth (6:1-15)
God has judged the nations and is dwelling with His people.
Oracle: God's Branch will complete the judgment and build the temple in which God will dwell with His people.

III. Work Out Your Repentance in Christ (7:1-8:23)

A. God scattered His unrepentant people (7:1-14)

B. God restores His people as a blessing to the nations (8:1-20)

IV. Trust Christ to Bring About Eternal Restoration (9:1-14:21)

A. Announce Zion's King, Branch, Jesus Messiah (9:1-17)

B. God's Branch will act powerfully to redeem His people (10:1-12)

C. Allegory of a Doomed Flock and a Foolish Shepherd (11:1-17)

D. God's Branch will secure His people's future destiny (12:1-14:21)