



“Repentance and Restoration”
Jonah 2:1-10 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon
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Introduction –*While inside the belly of the fish Jonah finally begins to understand God’s grace.*

I. The Turning Point of Repentance.

- A. In chapter one Jonah was fleeing from God’s presence. But in chapter two he now wants to be in God’s presence.

- B. Jonah turns around in the center of the book, signaled by the words: “Yet I will.” (v.4)

- C. Jonah’s dramatic turnaround results in finally understanding God’s grace.

II. The Forfeit of Grace.

- A. At the climax of the song Jonah tells us how he almost forfeited God’s grace. (v.8-9)

- B. In “clinging to worthless idols we forfeit God’s grace.”

C. An idol is something that replaces the true God as the object of our ultimate devotion.

D. Smash any idols you identify!

E. Idols are like our own personal life raft.

F. Idols are false gods that will always let us down. We must smash them when we detect them.

II. The God of Salvation.

- A. There is one more thing Jonah needs to be truly free. (v.9-10)

- B. After Jonah repents, he rededicates his life to the LORD.

Conclusion.