

Girolamo Savaronola - 1452-98

Study Questions



Scripture: Matthew 4:17

- 1) **“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near” (Matthew 4:17).**
In what ways might we, like the wealthy and the clergy criticized by Savonarola, be placing our trust in religious practices, wealth, or status rather than in Christ Himself? What would true repentance look like in these areas of our lives?
- 2) **Savonarola condemned the comfort of religious pretense.**
Are there parts of your faith that have become more about appearance than transformation? How can we move from outward religiosity to inward renewal and genuine devotion to Christ?
- 3) **“Agite poenitentiam”—Do penance!**
Savonarola's call to action was urgent and uncompromising. How does procrastination in dealing with sin affect our relationship with God? What sins or habits have you been putting off dealing with, and what might it look like to act decisively today?
- 4) **The rich young ruler walked away sorrowful when Jesus exposed his true allegiance (Mark 10:21-22).**
If Jesus asked you to give up the thing you value most, how would you respond? What does your answer reveal about the true object of your trust and devotion?
- 5) **Savonarola’s message was not just for the wicked but for the lukewarm and the comfortable.**
How might spiritual complacency be hindering God’s work in your life? What steps can you take this Lent to rekindle a passionate pursuit of holiness and a deeper love for Christ?

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