

# What is Our County's Greatest Need?

Recently the theme of our church prayer meeting was:

## Impenitence

What is the greatest sin of our county? As I look at the people of Coweta County, I see a lot of nice people who are pleasant to be around. My wife and I really enjoy living here. Is there really that much wrong with the people of our county? What do the people of Coweta County need to repent? After considering this for some time, I believe that our greatest sin may be that, even though we consider ourselves to be Christian, our hearts are far from God.

(Mat 15:8) "These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me."

My guess is that over 90% of the people in our county consider themselves Christian. Our lips name the name of Christ. But what do our lives say? Where are our hearts? Are we seeking after God, seeking after His Kingdom and righteousness? Are we seeking to live righteous lives?

(2 Tim 3:5a) "having a form of godliness but denying its power..."

The power of godliness is a transformed life. We deny the power of the gospel when we don't allow it to work in our lives to make us more like Jesus Christ. Isaiah 48 says a similar thing. The people were evoking the name of the Lord and making mention of God, but were living unrighteous lives.

(Isa 48:1) "Hear this, O house of Jacob;... Who swear by the name of the LORD,  
And make mention of the God of Israel, But not in truth or in righteousness;

We need to repent for any godlessness in our own lives, and then pray for our county, that God will change our hearts, so that we draw near to Him with our hearts, not just our lips.

(2 Chr 7:14) "if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves,  
and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will  
hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

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