

## THE POWER OF REPENTENCE

**Jer 18:1** The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,  
Jer 18:2 Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words.  
Jer 18:3 Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels.  
Jer 18:4 And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make *it*.  
Jer 18:5 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,  
Jer 18:6 O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay *is* in the potter's hand, so *are* ye in mine hand, O house of Israel.

Luk 20:18 Whosoever shall fall upon that stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.

Luk 24:46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:  
Luk 24:47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.  
Luk 24:48 And ye are witnesses of these things.  
Luk 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Act 3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

## THE NATURE OF REPENTANCE

1. **The Word Repentance**: The word repent, literally means, to change the mind, to have a change of will and purpose. It is a turning from sin, and like a military phrase "about face."
2. **Repentance**, is getting off the wrong path and on to the right path, and going in the direction of the Lord.
3. **As touching the Intellect**: It is a change of mind. (Matthew 21:29).
4. **As touching the emotions**: It is godly sorrow (2 Cor. 7:7-11).

5. **As touching the Will:** It is a decision. It is turning from sin to Jesus, the periodical not only was sorry but he arose and turned his footsteps homeward. You must forsake that which you want God to remit.

## **THE IMPROTANCE OF REPENTANCE**

### **1. John the Baptist Preached it:**

Luk 3:8 Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to *our* father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.

Luk 3:9 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Luk 3:10 And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then?

a. **To the People he answered and said:** Luke 3:11 "...He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise."

b. **To the publicans to be baptized "What shall we do"?**

Luk 3:13 And he said unto them, Exact no more than that which is appointed you.

c. **To the soldier who asked Jesus: "What shall we do?"**

Luk 3:14 And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse *any* falsely; and be content with your wages.

### **2. Jesus Commanded the Twelve to Preach it:**

Luke 24:47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Luk 13:3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

### **3. Peter Preached it:** On the Day of Pentecost; Acts 2:38.

4. **Paul Preached it:** Act 20:20 *And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house,*  
Act 20:21 *Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.*

## **HOW REPENTENCE IS PRODUCED**

### 1. **It is a Divine gift From God:**

Rom 2:4 *Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?*

- a. *“Than hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance” Acts 11:18.*
- b. *“If God peradventure will give thee repentance”*

### 2. **Through the Preaching of the Word:**

- a. *When they heard this they were pricked in their hearts*
- b. *Gospel is the power of God unto salvation.*

### 3. **The Chastisement of God:**

### 4. **Christian Reproof:** 1 Timothy 2:24 –

2Ti 2:25 *In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;*  
2Ti 2:26 *And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.*

## **EVEN AFTER WE ARE SAVED WE MUST LIVE A REPENTED**

Psa 139:23 *Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:*

Psa 139:24 *And see if *there be any* wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*

Psa 19:14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

## **THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF ASIA:**

### 1. **The Church of Ephesus:**

Rev 2:4 Nevertheless I have *somewhat* against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

Rev 2:5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

### 2. **The church in Smyrna:** (Persecuted Church, no rebuke for repentance)

The devil shall cast *some* of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

### 3. **The church in Pergamos :**

I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, *even* where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas *was* my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.

Rev 2:14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.

Rev 2:15 So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.

Rev 2:16 Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

### 4. **The church in Thyatira:**

Rev 2:19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last *to be* more than the first.

Rev 2:20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

Rev 2:21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.

Rev 2:22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.

Rev 2:23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

#### 5. **The church in Sardis write;**

I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.

Rev 3:2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God.

Rev 3:3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee.

Rev 3:4 Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.

Rev 3:5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

Rev 3:6 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

#### **THE CORNITHIAN CHURCH:**

2Co 7:8 For though I made you sorry with a letter, I do not repent, though I did repent: for I perceive that the same epistle hath made you sorry, though *it were* but for a season.

2Co 7:9 Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing.

2Co 7:10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

2Co 7:11 For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, *what* clearing of yourselves, yea, *what* indignation, yea, *what* fear, yea, *what* vehement desire, yea, *what* zeal, yea, *what* revenge! In all *things* ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.

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### **RESULTS OF REPENTANCE:**

1. **Heaven was made Glad:** (Luke 15:7,10)

Luk 15:7 I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

2. **Repentance qualifies a man for God mercy and pardon:**

Isa 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

3. **It qualifies one for regeneration:**

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**Other Examples:** The city of Nineveh; King David