



THE
TRUTH ABOUT
REPENTANCE

Introduction:

- Many have a hard time when they learn that the life they're living doesn't line up with the life God says we should live.
- Feeling guilty and knowing that repentance requires a change in lifestyle, many people go away in anger because they want to have it their way or no way at all.

Acts 26:20

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- Jesus taught us the need for repentance.
Luke 13:3, 5
 - To avoid hell, we must find it within ourselves to repent when God does not approve of our way.
- Repentance is needed because we're all guilty of sin. ***Romans 3:23; 1 John 3:4***
- Repentance means we change from doing our will alone to doing God's will.

Matthew 21:28-29; 2 Corinthians 7:10

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- Sadly, many will go away sorrowful because they never repent when they learn their life is at odds with God. *Mark 10:17-22*
- We want to focus in this lesson on some things that will encourage folks to repent and be faithful to God.



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The Goodness of God Leads to Repentance! *Rom. 2:4*

- God was good to man after creation.
Genesis 1:26-31; 2:7-17
- God has always been good to mankind!
Psalms 52:1
- Man was deceived and sinned against God.
Genesis 3:6-ff; Revelation 3:19

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- Even though “all have sinned,” God is still good to us! *Rom. 3:23; John 3:16*
- He sent Jesus to die for us while we were still sinners! *Romans 5:6-8*
- God cares for sinners but not the sin, and has made provisions for our forgiveness. *Eph. 2:1-7; Ps. 130:3-4*

God's Authority Commands Repentance! *Acts 17:30*

- God wants all everywhere to repent!
- John prepared the way of the Lord with it. *Matthew 3:1-3*
- Jesus commanded it. *Matthew 4:17*
- The apostles preached it. *Acts 2:38*
- People obeyed it! *Acts 2:41; 3:19; Acts 6:7*

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- God wants a changed people.
Titus 2:11-15
- God wants a holy people who won't return to their ignorant sins.
1 Peter 1:13-16
- We must truly appreciate our salvation in Christ, and never become what we "were", but rather what God wants us to become! *1 Cor. 6:9-11*

God's Compassion Waits for Repentance! *2 Peter 3:9*

- God is long suffering with mankind!
Psalm 86:15
- God's wonderful compassion can be seen throughout history!
Genesis 6; 1 Peter 3:20
- The Lord Jesus wants all to be saved not just a few! *1 Timothy 2:3-4*
- So, He waits for **your** repentance...
Revelation 2:21

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- The Bible is clear about the need for repentance before the judgment!
2 Peter 3:10-15
- Jesus tells us that His purpose was to call sinners to repentance. *Luke 5:32*
- The scriptures teach that repentance in Christ is the Lord's plan. *Acts 3:26*



God's Love Rejoices Over Repentance! *Luke 15:7, 10*

- Christ's parables tell of the love of a lost soul redeemed by repentance.
- Jesus' purpose of coming to earth and dying was to save the lost.
Luke 19:10; Matthew 26:28
- The Father's love is seen in Him sending the gospel of Christ.
Romans 1:16-17; Luke 24:47

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- Mankind needs to see God's awesome love in Christ and repent!
1 John 4:9-10
- Jesus told of the love involved in His sacrifice. *John 10:11; 15:13*
- Those who fully repent and obey God's will experienced this joy!
Acts 8:39; 16:34

You Can Repent!

- We all now know of God's authority, goodness, compassion and love.
- If **you** are accountable, and know **you** have sinned, then **you** need to repent and be saved in Jesus Christ! *2 Cor. 6:2*
- Remember that Jesus said, "No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish" (*Luke 13:3*).

You Can Be Saved, If You Will Repent of Sin!

- What If I Want To Repent?
 - Hear the Gospel of Christ! ***Rom. 10:17***
 - Believe it! ***Romans 1:16-17***
 - Repent of sin! ***Acts 2:38***
 - Confess Christ! ***Acts 8:37***
 - Be baptized into Christ! ***Gal. 3:27***

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