

“REPENTANCE”

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INTRODUCTION

- A. Godly sorrow worketh Repentance.”
 - B. Much misunderstanding about Repentance.
 - 1. What it really means
 - 2. What it does; etc.
 - C. Yet as seen the text a very vital subject.
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THE NEED

- A. What had happened at Corinth.
 - B. Romans 3:23 “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”
 - 1. Here speaking of the world as a whole.
 - 2. Both Jew and Gentile.
 - C. I John 1:8 “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves.”
 - 1. John speaking to Christians.
 - 2. Thus at sometime all stand in need of repentance.
 - 3. Necessary to make our life right with God.
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Most Difficult for People To Do

- A. Perhaps of all things involved in being a Christian this is one of the hardest to get people to do.
- B. **EXAMPLES:** It is not difficult relatively speaking to
 - 1. To get people to Believe in the Bible.
 - 2. Or the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 - 3. Or when people believe and repent..not hard to induce them to be baptized
- C. THE DIFFICULT THING IS TO BRING men and women to repent.
- D. **FOR EXAMPLE:**
 - 1. NOAH A PREACHER OF RIGHTEOUSNESS. Yet if he converted anyone other than his family they died before the flood.
 - 2. Jeremiah - Weeping Prophet...Failed to induce Repentance...for nation.
 - 3. John the Baptist...none born of woman greater..
 - a. Preached to Antipas and Herodias...
 - b. The Story:...Getting rid of the preacher is a poor substitute for repentance.
 - 4. EVEN JESUS...master Teacher...Enforced by a perfect life.
 - a. Matt. 11:20-24 READ
 - b. Failed to bring these towns on Galilean lake to repentance.
 - 5. Paul...to Felix, later to Agrippa.

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E. BUT THERE ARE SUCCESSES:

1. Jonah to Ninevah...40 days except ye repent...
2. Many did follow John the Baptist.

F. SO JESUS TAUGHT IT, SENT THE 12 TO PREACH IT...and on Pentecost Peter and Apostles taught.....(Acts 2:38; 3:19).**G. **Repentance then is an inescapable responsibility laid upon everyone who would be saved.**

We See Its Importance

A. Must know what Repentance Is.**B. Ask what it is....and you will RECEIVE MANY DIFFERENT ANSWERS.**

WHAT IS REPENTANCE

What are some of the answers you will receive?**A. REPENTANCE IS SORROW:**

1. True it does involve sorrow...
2. Can't be Repentance without it.

B. ANOTHER, REPENTANCE IS CONFESSION:

1. In Matt. 27 The story of Judas.
2. Was sorry, confessed he did wrong..But did he repent? Hanged himself.

C. GODLY SORRY: It is related. See our text.

1. II Cor. 7:10 “Godly sorrow worketh repentance.
2. But it is NOT repentance.
3. It precede repentance.

D. REPENTANCE IS RESTITUTION AND REFORMATION OF LIFE:

1. These also are related;
2. As Godly sorrow precede it...Restitution and reformation follow.
3. As John said..”Bring forth fruits worthy of Repentance.
4. Lying...Stealing...etc...QUITS.

F. Found What Precede It....Found What Follows it...BUT WHAT IS IT?

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WHAT IS REPENTANCE

- A. REMEMBER Jonah and Ninevah...What did Ninevah do?
 - B. In Chapter 3, Then turned every man from his evil works..
 - 1. That was repentance.
 - 2. It expressed itself in change of life.
 - C. Acts 20:21 “Repentance toward God. “
 - D. Matt. 21, Man and two sons....”I will not”...”I go sir”
 - E. NOW THE EXAMPLE OF THE CORINTHIANS...
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How Man Is Moved to Repent

- A. FIRST; IT IS GOD GIVEN!
 - 1. Acts 11:18 God granted repentance to Gentiles.
 - 2. That is: God gives us the privilege.
- B. **GOD GIVES THE MOTIVE**
 - 1. Again Ninevah...Yet 40 days and be overthrown.
 - 2. Jesus; Repent or Perish.
 - 3. Acts 3:19 “that your sin may be blotted out”
- C. **HOPE OF REWARD!**
 - 1. Acts 2:38.
 - 2. Acts 3:19 seasons of refreshing.
- D. READ ROMANS 2:4
 - 1. That God is aware of man...
 - 2. Sent His Son...
 - 3. He Suffered Death...That we might live....

DO YOU NEED TO REPENT?
