

God Commands Repentance

(Part 2)

Acts 17:30-31

How do you show repentance?

- Steal a man's watch... you give it back!
 - Steal a man's car... you give it back!
 - Steal a man's wife... you keep her???
- (cf. Mark 6:17-18)

Offended party may concede a watch or a car (Acts 5:4), but can't give his wife the right to marry another. (Mt. 5:32; 19:9)

Demands of Repentance

Luke 3:8-14

- **DESIRE TO REPENT** – *Luke 3:10*
 - Effect of gospel on the heart – *Acts 2: 37-38*
 - Godly sorrow for one's sin – *2 Cor. 7:10; cf. Mt. 26:69-27:5*
 - Cf. Simon - *Acts 8:20-23, 24*

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- **FRUIT MUST BE BORNE**
Luke 3:8; Acts 26:20
 - *Worthy* – “weighing, having weight;” corresponding to
 - Congruous, corresponding to a thing
 - Conforming action of life with attitude of heart

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- **SOME THINGS “MUST” BE DONE** – *Luke 3:10-14*
 - **Repudiation of sin (confess)**
 - Ephesian idolaters – *Acts 19:18-19*
 - Israelite sinful marriages – *Ezra 10:10-11*

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 - **Restitution of wrong (as able)**
 - **Zacchaeus** – *Luke 19:8-9 (Lev. 6:1-7)*
 - “*In vain may anyone tell me that he repents... stealing my horse while he continues to ride him without my consent...*” (*Brents, page 191*)

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- SOME THINGS "MUST" BE DONE – *Luke 3:11-14*
 - ***Reformation of conduct***
 - Regret (sorrow) causes change – *Mt. 21:28-32; Luke 15:18; 1 Cor. 6:9-11*
 - Rebuked for not learning this – *Mt. 21:31-32*

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- COSTLY – *Luke 14:25-33*
 - Giving up sin – *Eph. 4:17-24*
 - The cost can be very great – *Acts 19:19*

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- EMOTIONAL – *Ezra 9-10*
 - Painful for the teacher of truth, *9:1-3; 10:6 (cf. 2 Cor. 7:12)*
 - Painful for those involved in sin
 - *9:4; 10:1-4, 9-12, 19*
 - Painful for those effected by the sinner & his repentance – *10:44*

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- EMOTIONAL – *Ezra 10:44*
 - Does not change the nature or the demands of repentance
 - Liar – *Eph. 4:25*
 - Thief – *Eph. 4:28*
 - Adulterer – *1 Cor. 6:9-11*

Does Not Remove Temporal Consequences

- Convicted murderer does not escape death penalty. ***Acts 25:11***
- Convicted thief does not escape “due reward.” ***Luke 23:40-43***
- Convicted prodigal does not regain wasted money. ***Luke 15:13***
- Convicted adulterer not free to “marry another” or continue adultery. ***Mt. 19:9***

What Produces Repentance?

- ***Bible preaching. cf. Jonah 3:1-2***
 - “Preach the preaching that I bid thee.” *cf. Luke 11:32*
- ***The goodness of God. Rom. 2:4***
- ***The Judgment to come. Acts 17:30-31***
- ***Godly sorrow. 2 Cor. 7:10***

Fruits of Repentance- "For behold..." 2 Corinthians 7:11

- Can see the effects of repentance!
 - *Earnest care* – Haste (with care) to correct sin
 - *Clearing* – Diligent change answered critics
 - *Indignation* – Displeasure over previous sin
 - *Fear* – Dread of not pleasing God
 - *Longing* – Earnest desire to do & be right

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- Can see the effects of repentance!
 - *Zeal* – Fervent spirit, not apathetic neglect
 - *Avenging* – Sin no longer tolerated
 - *Approved yourselves to be pure* – Pure in the matter

Efforts to Avoid Repentance

- Deny the existence of sin.
- Deny personal guilt. 1 Sam. 15:13,15
- Transfer responsibility for sin. Ezek. 18:20
- Cover up sin. 1 Sam. 11
- Harm those who expose sin. Mt. 14; Mk. 6; cf. Gal. 4:16

God's Solution To Sin

- **Repent & escape the wrath to come!** (Luke 3:7-8)