

God Commands Repentance (Part 2)

Acts 17:30-31

Demands of Repentance

- **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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- **DESIRE TO REPENT** – *Luke 3:10*
 - Effect of gospel on the heart – *Acts 2: 37-38*
 - cf. Simon - *Acts 8:20-23, 24*

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- What “MUST” we do? – *Luke 3:10-14*
 - Repudiation of sin
 - Ephesian idolaters – *Acts 19:18-19*
 - Israelites sinful marriages – *Ezra 10:10-11*

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- What “MUST” we do? – *Luke 3:11-14*
 - Reformation of conduct
 - **Regret (sorrow) causes change** – *Matthew 21:28-32; Luke 15:18; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11*
 - **Rebuked for not learning this** – *Matthew 21:31-32*

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- What “MUST” we do? – *Luke 3:11-14*
 - What about Restitution?
 - **Zacchaeus** – *Luke 19:8-9 (Leviticus 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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- **COSTLY** – *Luke 14:25-33*
 - Giving up sin – *Ephesians 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 Corinthians 7:12)*
 - Painful for those involved in sin. – *9:4; 10:1-4, 9-12, 19*
 - Painful for those affected by the sinner and his repentance. – *10:44*