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Acts 17:30-31 "All men everywhere..."

Rom 3:23 "for all have sinned..."

Rom 4:15 "...where there is no law,
neither is there transgression."

Therefore, all are under law!

REPENTANCE COMMANDED

- *By John. Mt. 3:2*
- *By Jesus. Mt. 4:17; Lk. 13:3,5*
- *Great Commission. Lk. 24:47*
- *By Disciples. Mk. 6:12*
- *By Apostles. Acts 2:38; 11:18*

REPENTANCE Is Not:

- *Fear*
- *Confession*
- *Being sorry*
- *Simply a reformation of life*
- *Being aware of sin*
- *Prayer*
- *Coming forward*
- *Doing penance*
- *Remorse or regret*
- *"If I have..."*

REPENTANCE IS:

- *metanoia* – "a change of mind for the better, heartily to AMEND with abhorrence of one's past sins." (Thayer, 405)
- "This change of mind involves BOTH a turning from sin and a turning to God." (W.E. Vine, Vol. 3, pg. 281)
- "John did not call on people to be sorry, but to change their mental attitudes AND CONDUCT." (A.T. Robertson, *Word Pictures*, Vol. 1, pg. 24)

Examples of Repentance

- *Jews on Pentecost. Acts 2*
- *Ninevites. Mt. 12:41; cf. Jonah 3:10*
- *Rebellious son. Mt. 21:28-32*
- *Prodigal son. Lk. 15:11-21*

**These all brought forth fruit worthy of repentance!
cf. Lk. 3:8; Acts 26:19-20**

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- *Thessalonians turned from idols.*
1 Thess. 1:9
- *Ephesians burned their books. Acts 19:19*
- *Jailor "washed their stripes." Acts 16:33*
- *Corinthians turned from former practices.*
1 Cor. 6:9-11

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