

LESSON 6. Repentance.

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1. Define repentance.

- A. It is an "about face" to a new commitment.
- B. It is a change of mind.
- C. A change of heart that results in one turning to God, from one's old ways to God's ways.
- D. A change of direction, not perfection.
- E. To make a decision that changes the total direction of one's life.
- F. Turning from old ways and totally committing to God and His ways.
- G. Turning to a Person, to God through Jesus Christ.

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2. Read Luke 13:1-5. What must one do in order not to perish?

Luke 13:1-5.

- 1 There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.
- 2 And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things?
- 3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.
- 4 Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem?
- 5 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Repent.

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3. Read 2 Peter 3:9. What is God's desire for all people?

2 Peter 3:9.

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

That all come to repentance.

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4. Read Luke 16:19-31. In Luke 16:28, why did the rich man want someone to come back from the dead and speak to his brothers?

Luke 16:19-31.

- 19 There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day:
- 20 And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,
- 21 And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.
- 22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;

23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

26 And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence.

27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:

28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.

30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.

31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

Luke 16:19.

For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

So that they could avoid coming to this place of torment.

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5. Read Luke 16:30. What must these brothers do in order to avoid this place of torment (hell)?

Luke 16:30.

And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.

They must repent.

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6. Read Acts 26:18. Although it doesn't specifically say, this verse is talking about repentance. What will happen to those who repent?

Acts 26:18.

To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

- A. Eyes will be opened
- B. Turn from darkness to light
- C. Turn from power of Satan to God
- D. Receive forgiveness of sins
- E. Receive inheritance

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7. Read Acts 26:20. In the last part of this verse, three things are stated that the Gentiles should do. What are these three things?

Acts 26:20.

But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

A. Repent.

B. Turn to God.

C. Prove their repentance by their deeds.

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8. Read Matthew 7:21-23. What did Jesus say these people practiced instead of the will of God?

Matthew 7:21-23.

21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

Iniquity or lawlessness.

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9. What does this show you about the importance of true repentance versus lip service toward God?

Salvation is from the heart, not lip service.