

## Lesson 9

# Except You Repent...

If we are to know the Will of God and follow His Commandments then we must learn what it means to REPENT. It means far more than sorry I got caught, sorry if I hurt your feelings, sorry for whatever you think I did that made you mad, sorry for .....well you get the picture.

"I tell you, no; but unless you **repent, you will all likewise perish.**" *Luke 13:3*

It is either repent or perish. Satan does not want us to repent because he can't and wants to take God's place in our lives. The swirling pool of pleasure soon becomes a cesspool, the garden of leisure and ease soon becomes a desert of toil and pain, the position of self rule where you get to call the shots becomes a target range and you are the target, and finally the title of little god that you thought would save you becomes the very title that will condemn you to HELL.

"Truly these times of ignorance God overlooked, but **now commands all men everywhere to repent.**" *Acts 17:30*

Repent of what? Repent of our Sins. Repent of not fully serving and following all that God says. God is pleading with us to repent. He greatly desires that we turn to him.

"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering toward us, **not willing that any should perish** but that all should come to repentance." *2 Peter 3:9*

God wants us to repent so we can be saved. He is patiently waiting on us. But eventually our time will run out. The longer we put off repentance, the harder our heart gets.

"For Godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death." *2 Corinthians 7:10*

## Repentance what does it mean?

When you hear the word repentance do you understand what it means to you?

Jesus said;

The people who sat in darkness saw a great Light; and Light has sprung up to those who sat in the region and shadow of death." From that time Jesus began to preach and to say,

**Repent! For the kingdom of Heaven is at hand.** *Matthew 4:16-17*

All Sin is an offense to God, no one is worse than another. The Sin may be different but the offense remains that you have rebelled against God's direction and purpose for your life. He will forgive if you respond to the Holy Spirit when convicted, **"I have sinned"**,

And again after His temptation experience in the wilderness of 40 days  
 And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan. And He was with the wild  
 beasts, and the angels ministered to Him. And after John was delivered up, Jesus came into  
 Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, The time is fulfilled, and  
 the kingdom of God draws near.

**Repent, and believe the gospel.**

*Mark 1:13-15*

The Apostles were sent by two's to preach the "Good News"

"And He said to them, Wherever you enter into a house, abide there until you depart from that  
 place. And whoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when you depart from there, shake off  
 the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Truly I say to you, It shall be tolerable for  
 Sodom and Gomorrah in the Day of Judgment than for that

**And they went out and proclaimed that men should Repent.**

*Mark 6:10-12*

**"No man can come to me, except the Father that sent me draw him: and  
 I will raise him up in the last day.**

*John 6:44*

Repentance is a change of heart and a change of mind. A terrible and painful admission but  
 without it you will remain condemned to eternal separation and face the torments of a place  
 called "**HELL**". If you do not have the conviction of sin in your heart then you may be in a  
 worse condition than you know. For only GOD can draw man from a life of sin and bring  
 conviction. Search your heart, and humble your mind to accept what God wants to give but a  
 hardness of either heart or mind will prevent you from hearing.

"Come unto Me"..... GOD takes no pleasure in the death of the sinner.

Repentance must come from your heart and be for real ...

Jesus said that sin comes from within:

And He said, That which comes out of the man is what defiles the man. For from within, out of  
 the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness,  
 wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:

All these evil things pass out from inside and defile the man.

*Mark 7:20-23*

GOD calls us to seek Him while He may be found. That ought to tell us there may be a time  
 when we can't find Him because .... Sin takes us to places that we never planned to go; Sin  
 takes us further than our original intent, Sin makes us what we never intended to be, Sin  
 takes from us what we did not want to give, Sin destroys that which we did not want to lose,  
 Sin.....may give in the temporary but in the long run does not produce what we  
 first went looking for.....

You can't find what you aren't looking for because you won't know that you  
 don't have it. Sin blinds us to the reality we are "Lost in a world of no Hope"

“ Seek the LORD while he may be found. Call on him while he is near. Let wicked people abandon their ways. Let evil people abandon their thoughts. Let them return to the LORD, and he will show compassion to them. Let them return to our God, because he will freely forgive them. "My thoughts are not your thoughts, and my ways are not your ways," declares the LORD. "Just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways, and my thoughts are higher than your thoughts." "Rain and snow come down from the sky. They do not go back again until they water the earth. They make it sprout and grow so that it produces seed for farmers and food for people to eat. My word, which comes from my mouth, is like the rain and snow. It will not come back to me without results. It will accomplish whatever I want and achieve whatever I send it to do."

*Isa 55:6-11*

In the Bible, the word “repent” means to "change your mind." True repentance will result in a change of actions, thoughts, and style of living. To repent means knowing that the direction in which you are heading is wrong and wanting to turn around. GOD grants us the Grace to do just that.

“The goodness of God leads you to repentance.”

*Romans 2:4*

**The soul that Sins.....dies not just a physical death but eternally.**

The soul that sins, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, nor shall the father bear the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be on him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be on him. But if the wicked will turn from all his sins which he has committed, and keep all My statutes, and do justice and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die. All his transgressions that he has done, they shall not be mentioned to him; in his righteousness that he has done he shall live.

Do I actually delight in the death of the wicked? says the Lord Jehovah. Is it not that he should turn from his ways and live?

*Ezekiel 18:20-23*

"Jesus said to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."

*Matthew 22:37*

I did not come to call the righteous to repentance, but sinners.

*Luke 5:32*

Then he said to them, "These are the words I spoke to you while I was still with you. I told you that everything written about me in Moses' Teachings, the Prophets, and the Psalms had to come true." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

He said to them, "Scripture says that the Messiah would suffer and that he would come back to life on the third day. Scripture also says that by the authority of Jesus people would be told to turn to God and change the way they think and act so that their sins will be forgiven. This would be told to people from all nations, beginning in the city of Jerusalem.

You are witnesses to these things.

*Luke 24:44-48*

"We love Him, because He first loved us."

*1 John 4:19"*

"If you love Me keep My commandments."

*John 14:15*

**Are you willing to show your love to God by repenting?**

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## Questions Lesson 9

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1) What did Jesus say would happen if we don't repent?

- a. We will all likewise perish.
- b. It doesn't matter He understands
- c. I just have to be sorry and do better

*Luke 13:3*

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2) Sin has some nasty consequences in this world but what about if we keep on sinning?

- a. Sin – is rebellion against the law and we will go to jail
- b. The penalty we pay in this world is the price we will pay when we die it is over
- c. If we practice Sin we become its slave – the penalty will be eternal death

*Romans 6:23 Revelation 20:11-15*

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3) God commands everyone to repent. Why?

- a. God knows our weakness and we don't
- b. God is tired of dealing with our petty problems
- c. God doesn't want anyone to perish

*Acts 17:30 2 Peter 3:9*

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4) Godly sorrow as opposed to we are sorry – produces what?

- a. Repentance that leads to Salvation
- b. Sorrow that makes us worry
- c. God is sorry He made us

*2 Corinthians 7:10*

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5) Jesus told Who to Repent for the Kingdom of God was at hand ?

*Luke 5:32*

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6) Jesus said no one could come to Him except?

- a. They cleaned up their lives and did good things
- b. They had to repay everyone they hurt and follow Him
- c. God has to draw them to Jesus by the Holy Spirit

*John 6:44*

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7) Just changing your mind, heart direction, and following God's Will is called what?

- a. Is obedience that is all you need
- b. Produces repentance and you grow from there into obedience
- c. Does not produce repentance just better living

*Isaiah 55:6-11 Mark 7:20-23 Romans 2:4*

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8) How are we to Love God?

- a. When we feel like He is helping us otherwise pout and make Him come to us
- b. The same way Jesus did – all our heart – soul – mind – strength
- c. Loving God does not require our entire heart, soul, and mind

*Matthew 22:37*

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9) Who did Jesus come to call to repentance?

- a. The ones who thought they had it all together
- b. Only the ones who would listen and follow Him
- c. Those who knew they were sinners and would listen to Him

*Luke 5:32*

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10) God said that the “Soul that Sins” it will die. What if they repent is there any hope?

- a. If they turn around and do justice and follow God’s commandments
- b. No they are “dead meat”
- c. God puts them on probation if they mess up again that is it.

*Ezekiel 18:20-23*

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11) Who gave us a living Soul and Who determines our Eternal destiny?

- a. We evolved from bacteria and we will just turn back into dirt
- b. God created and breathed into us the breathe of life and He determines our fate
- c. We are born and at our first breath we jump into the body – we die and jump out

*Genesis 2:7*

*Matthew 10:28*

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12) What kind of souls will be in Hell?

- a. Those who don’t repent from their Sins
- b. Really bad people who never do anything good
- c. Weeping and crying people who are not sorry for sins

*1 Corinthians 6:9-11 Galatians 5:19-21 Revelation 20:12-15 Revelation 22:15*

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13) If you Love God & Jesus you will do what?

- a. Will keep the commandments you agree with as times have changed
- b. It is not necessary to keep any commandments just obey the law
- c. Show your Love by keeping His commandments – repenting when you sin

*John 14:15*

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14) Are you willing to Repent? If so do you know where to start?

Father I have sinned, against You first and against my sister/brother, I ask for Your Mercy and Forgiveness to cleanse me in mind, and heart. Help me to turn away from those things which are not in Your Will. You know my thoughts, you know everything please help me to desire not to sin, to overcome the temptations placed before me, and to bind up the devil and shut the door in his face to my life sealing it with the Blood of Christ who died to set me free from the prison of death, bondage to sin, and fear of facing You. Save me from myself and heal me. In the name of Jesus . Amen

This is just a sample but take it if its for you.