



Bible Study: Tuesday, Oct 5, 2021.

TOPIC: REPENTANCE AND FORGIVENESS Part 3

TEXTS: Luke 15:11-21, 18:9-14, 19:1-10

REPENTANCE:

Two weeks ago, we stopped at the topic of forgiveness. However, like we said in our past bible studies, repentance and forgiveness could be handled differently or could happen differently. That means you do not have to repent to be forgiven and you do not forgive because the person repented. In brief we said forgiveness and repentance are mutually exclusive. Forgiveness is profitable to the offended and to the offender. Today we want to talk about repentance.

In our modern world, the simple word for repentance should mean to be sorry. However, experience has shown us that repentance goes more than the word 'sorry'. There may be relationships where the fights or animosity continues even after the offender has said he or she is sorry. Truly, it could be because some offended are unforgiving, but it also may be because the offender is not truly sorry. At that point he is being frugal or careful with words so as to be proven right in the legal landing or legal circle. At this point I say that repentance is wounded. As we discourse the topic of repentance today, we will be looking at it in a broad perspective. That is, we will be considering it in respect to God and in respect to man. Some will say if I do not offend God, I am fine. I want to say to you that if you have not learnt to love and respect men you will not be able to love and respect God. I John 4:20

WHAT IS REPENTANCE:

Repentance is the first step we take to receive the salvation that God offers to us in the Lord Jesus Christ. (The shepherds Staff by Ralph Mahoney). On a broader note, repentance is the step we take to promote true reconciliation so that the past is truly forgotten and things start on a clean slate.

We are going to examine repentance through the spiritual and the physical lenses. Without Genuine repentance two can never work together even if they have forgiven one another. There are many in church today who are not truly repented but they think they are in good standing with God. You may never know this because God will not come down to tell us. On the other hand, with man, if you are not truly repentant you open that relationship

A. WHAT REPENTANCE IS NOT

1. Not just feeling guilty

Acts 24:25, Matt 19: 21-22.

2. Not just being sorry for your sin II Cor. 7:10, Matt 26:75, Prov 17:22

3. Not just trying to be a good person (Before God trying to be good will not bring repentance) Isaiah 64:6

4. Not becoming religious Matt 3:7-10, 5:20.

5. Not just knowing the truth Romans 10:10, James 2:19-20

B. WHAT IS TRUE REPENTANCE

1. Being sorry for your sin or your offense Psalms 51:1-4, 38:8.

2. Being truthful about your sin or offense Psalms 32:5, 1John1:9.

3. Turning away from your sin Prov. 28:13

4. Hating sin. Not wanting to repeat that offense again. Heb. 1:9

5. When possible, retribute. (Paying back what you owe). Luke 19:8 See also Lev. 6:1-7.

C. WHAT REPENTANCE INVOLVES

1. Turning From offending again. Zech. 1:4, Gal. 5:19-2, Eph. 5:5.

FOR GOD THIS MEANS

- a. Turning from the world. 1John 2:15. See also James 4:4.
- b. Turning from yourself. II Cor 5:15, Luke 14:26.
- c. Turning from the devil. Acts 26:18, Col. 1:13.
- d. Turning to God. Zech. 1:3
- e. Turning to right living. Romans 6:13