

Lack of Repentance

# Repentance

- “Compunction (for guilt, including reformation); by implication reversal (of [another’s] decision) –  
Compunction: a feeling of guilt or moral scruple that prevents or follows the doing of something bad”  
(Strong’s)
- “a change of mind, as it appears to one who repents, of a purpose he has formed or of something he has done” (Thayer’s)
- Ezra 9:1—10:19 – “and being guilty...for their guilt”

## Passages That Define the Road to Repentance

- Lk. 15:1-19 – Young son: “and am no more worthy”
- Matt. 5:3-4 – Recognizing one’s nothingness, and remorsefulness of the transgression.
- 2 Cor. 7:10 – That change of will or purpose which is caused by sorrow for sin will manifest itself in life changing principles.

## Repentance is a Recognized Moral Doctrine

- Ezek. 33:10-16 – righteousness of the righteous
- Ezek. 33:11; Heb. 13:17 – The watchman says, “turn ye, turn, ye.”
- 1 Kgs. 8:46-50 – Solomon’s prayer for the sins of the people.
- Ezek. 18:30 – Repent that iniquity shall not be your ruin.

## Practiced by Godly Men

- Matt. 3: 1-12 – Preaching of John was a call to repentance of the Jewish people.
- Acts 26:17-18, 20 – “doing works worthy of repentance.”
- Isa. 1:2-17 – Isaiah cries out for repentance: repent or be condemned.
- Lk. 24:46-47– “Thus...repentance and remission of sins should be preached...”
- Acts 17:30 – Commands all men everywhere to repent

## A Command to be Observed

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- 2 Pet. 3:9 – “all should come to repentance.”
- Acts 8:9, 22 – Simon who had been a Sorcerer
- Gal. 2:11, 14 – Cephas stood condemned.
- Ezra 9:1-6; 10:1-17 – Repentance is a hard thing and often requires difficult decisions.

## Source of Repentance

- 2 Cor. 7:10 – “Godly sorrow worketh repentance:” To get a man to repent, the man must be “sorry” that he has wronged God.
- Acts 14:8-18 – “turn from these vain things...”
- Acts 17:22, 24-29, 30 – Commands all to repent: change your mind, change your will, change your affections

## True Repentance is a Change of the Will

- Matt. 21:23-32 – Repentance is to change the will: The going is the fruit of repentance. The repentance was when the son changed his mind.
- 1 Jn. 1:8-10 – God says WHEN you sin...confess, which includes repentance.
- 2 Kgs. 22:1ff; 23:25 – Josiah: an example of true repentance.

## Requires Humility

- At the root of repentance is the ultimate expression of...humility.
  - 2 Chron. 32:24-26 – Hezekiah
  - 2 Chron. 33:10-13 – Manasseh
  - 1 Kgs. 21:25-29 – Ahab

# A Lack of Repentance Leads to Death

- Jer. 44:15 -17 – Do not be as those who fled to Egypt, saying, “we will not hearken”
- Do you have a love for the truth, or love the darkness rather than the light?
  - 2 Thess. 2:10 – “because they received not the love of the truth”
  - Jn. 3:19 – “men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their works were evil”

# How Does This Relate to the Church?

## Revelation:

- 2:1-7 – Church of Ephesus
  - Vs. 2-3 – Remained ardent in their defense of truth.
  - Vs. 4 – but “didst leave thy first love”
  - Matt. 24:12 – “the love of many shall wax cold”
  - Matt. 6:33 – “seek ye first his kingdom...”
  - “Love” = affection: Many have taken in hand to pinpoint the affection lost by the brethren in Ephesus, but to whatever it referred, take warning.
  - Vs. 5 – Repent...and do

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- 2:12, 14-16 – Church in Pergamum
  - Vs. 14 – “I have a few things”
  - 2 Pet. 2:15 – Balaam loved the hire of wrongdoing”
  - “to cast a stumbling block.”
  - The word “stumbling-block” means anything over which one falls or stumbles, and then anything over which anyone may fall into sin.
  - Vs. 15 – “teaching of the Nicolaitans in like manner” Another class of false teachers.
  - Vs. 16 – Repent therefore
  - Titus 1:10-13; 1 Cor. 5:1-2 – Cannot be idle regarding sin: for the benefit of Christians individually, and/or collectively.

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- 3:1-3 – Church in Sardis
  - Vs. 1 – Had a name that they lived but were dead.
  - Vs. 2 – Glimmer of life remained.
  - Vs. 3 – No works had been found perfected, i.e., brought to completion.
  - 1 Thess. 4:1 – “abound more and more”
  - Vs. 3 – Repent...and pay attention, or “I will come as a thief...”

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## Revelation:

- 3:14-19 – Church in Laodicea
  - Vs. 15-16 – neither cold/hot
  - Vs. 17 – Unaware
  - Vs. 18 – Correct your condition.
  - Vs. 19 - Repent

# A Lack of Correcting Sin Results in Death

- Repentance is a staple part of the local church's existence:
  - 1 Cor. 5:1-5 – Brethren's dealing with sin are to restore the fallen.
  - Gal. 6:1 – Restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; looking to thyself, lest thou also be tempted
  - Jam. 5:12-18 – Confess therefore your sins one to another, and pray one for another that ye may be healed.

# Jehovah's Message to Mankind

- Eph. 5:3-6 – “because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the sons of disobedience.”
- Jer. 26:13 – As was with Judah, so also with all: “Now therefore amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of Jehovah your God; and Jehovah will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you.”
- What answer will you give?