CHURCH OF PRAYER CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

**DOCTRINAL STUDIES- FOUNDATIONAL TEACHING**

**LESSON 3: REPENTANCE**

**CLASS NOTES**

**Summary:**

The word ***repentance*** comes from one Greek word, ***Metanoein*** and another Greek word, ***Metamelein.***

The Greek word ***Metanoein*** means “to change one’s mind, attitude, and purpose regarding sin; an inner change of mind resulting in an outward turning back, or turn around; to face and move in a completely new direction”. The Greek word ***Metamelein***  means “remorse, anguish.”[[1]](#footnote-1)

As Christians, we are to have godly sorrow ***(Metanoein)*** for the sinful nature of our heart and the sinful acts that we do as a result of that sinful nature in us. We must pray that God will purge our hearts daily so that our hearts may know Him and desire to long after His righteousness. Where sin is concerned, we must change our minds about doing such acts that separate us from God; we must be willing to turn away from that which is sin and follow after He who is holy.

Likewise, we are not to offer God worldly sorrow ***(Metamelein)*** for the sinful acts that we commit as a result of our nature sinful. Simply being sorry is not enough. Worldly sorrow often indicates that we are sorry because we got caught for the sin we committed rather than being sorry for the sin itself. Worldly sorrow does not produce a change of mind or a turning away from. In fact, the deception of this kind of sorrow is that we believe we can continue living under the title of a Christian though we never possess the genuine heart of repentance that a Christian must have.

David demonstrated godly sorrow ***(Metanoein)*** for his sinful act with Bathsheba and against her husband, Uriah- a soldier in David’s army **(2 Samuel 11)**. David lay with Bathsheba, and she became pregnant. David tried to cover his sins by getting Uriah to lay with Bathsheba, but Uriah would not partake in any comforts of life while the army of David was at war. When David’s plan failed, he had Uriah killed, then he took Bathsheba as his wife. Only after being rebuked by the prophet Nathan did David make confession of his sin against the Lord **(2 Samuel 12:13)**. **Psalm 51** is titled, *A Prayer of Repentance,* and it is the Psalm of David written after his sinful act concerning Bathsheba and Uriah. ***(Read 2 Samuel chapter 11 through chapter 12 verse 25 to learn more.)***

On the other hand, Judas Iscariot, a disciple of Christ, exhibited worldly sorrow ***(Metamelein).*** Judas had already betrayed Jesus in his heart long before he led the troops into the Garden of Gethsemane to arrest Jesus. Only after Judas saw Jesus condemned was he remorseful, but his remorse wasn’t to God but to the chief priest and elders. He did not have godly sorrow that produces repentance leading to salvation but the sorrow of the world that produces death **(2 Corinthians 7:8-10)**. After meeting with the chief priest and elders, Judas departed from the temple, then went and hanged himself. ***(Read John 18:1-11 and Matthew 27:3-5 to learn more.)***

We need to hear again the words of John the Baptist who cried out in the wilderness, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” **(Matthew 3:2)**

We are to carry the message of repentance to the world: “Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. **(Luke 22:46-47)**

**MEMORY VERSE: 2 Chronicles 7:14**

“If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

**SCRIPTURES:**

**Read 2 Kings 17:13-20:** God sent prophets and seers to the house of Israel to warn them of the impending danger if they did not take heed and repent. Their refusal to turn from their wicked ways eventually resulted in Gods judgment: “the Lord rejected all the descendants of Israel, afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of plunderers, until He had cast them from His sight.”

**Read Ezekiel 18:30-32:** God does not desire for anyone to perish in his or her sins; he has given us the gift of repentance **(Acts 5:30-31; Acts 11:18)** that our sins would be forgiven if we repent and turn from our transgressions.

**Read Joel 2:12-13:** The Lord again calls His people to genuine repentance that produces an inward and outward change. Since God is serious aboutHis people repenting for their sins, shouldn’t we be serious about repenting? Our obedience to repent, to turn away from our sins will result in forgiveness from God.

**Read Matthew 3:1-2 and Matthew 4:17:** Not only did John the Baptist preach repentance, butJesuspreached repentance as well. Both warn us to repent because the Kingdom of God is at hand (the day of the Lord’s coming is drawing near); also in **Mark 1:14-15** after John was put in prison, Jesus not only speaks about repentance but believing in the gospel.

**Read Acts 17:30-31:** The times of ignorance concerning man’s lack of knowledge in God will no longer be overlooked by God; He commands all men everywhere to repent. God does not desire for anyone to perish but that all should come to repentance **(2 Peter 3:9).**

**Read Luke 13:1-5:** We may presume that a person is doomed to perish based on the seriousness of the sin he or she commits. Jesus, however, makes it very clear in this passage that the seriousness is not in the sin but in genuine repentance. Unless we repent of our sins, we will perish like any other unrepentant sinner.

**LIFE APPLICATION:**

Let’s read the Parable of the two Sons in Matthew 21:28-32.

Explain how this parable is a good example to use when learning about repentance?

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**HOMEWORK**

**Monday:**

* Study your memory verse **2 Chronicles 7:14**.
* Read **Psalm 51** and answer the following questions:
  + Once David did his part by repenting, he needed God to do His part. What three things did David need God to do? (vv1-2)

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   * Who does David acknowledge he has sinned against? (v4)

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* + David knew that he was born in sin, but he also knew that God didn’t want him to remain in his sinful state. What does David say in verse 6 to support his knowledge of this truth?

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* + What kind of heart and spirit does David need (and we need) in order to live a life pleasing to God? (v10)

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* + What concern does David have about the affect his sin may have on his relationship with God? (v11)

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**Tuesday:**

* Study your memory verse **2 Chronicles 7:14**.
* Read **Ezekiel 18:19-29** and answer the following questions:
  + What is the main point of this passage of Scripture?

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* + What will happen to a wicked man if he turns from all the sins he commits and does, and keeps the Lord’s statues and does what is lawful and right? (vv 21-23, 27-28)

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* + What will happen to a righteous man if he turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and does as a wicked man? (vv 24, 26)

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* + What does God instruct the house of Israel to do? (vv30-31)

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* + Does God take pleasure in the death of one who dies? (v32)

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* + What is God’s instruction to us today? (v32)

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**Wednesday:**

* Study your memory verse **2 Chronicles 7:14**.
* Read **Luke 15:11-32** (The Parable of the Lost Son) and answer the following questions:
  + After the lost son wasted all he had on reckless, extravagant living, he came to himself. What action did he take? (vv17-19)

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* + What was the father’s initial response to his son when he saw him? (v20)

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* + Why did the father have a party for his son? (v24)

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* + Why is this parable a good example of repentance and forgiveness?

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**Thursday:**

* Study your memory verse **2 Chronicles 7:14**.
* Write out two other Scriptures that teach on repentance and briefly explain the Scriptures. Feel free to use a concordance.
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**Friday:**

* Study your memory verse **2 Chronicles 7:14**.
* Answer the following two questions pertaining to your memory verse.
  + How can you use the memory verse Scripture in your daily walk?

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* + How can you use the memory verse Scripture to teach others God’s Word?

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**Saturday:**

* Write your memory verse **2 Chronicles 7:14** by memory.

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* Study your notes in preparation for your test tomorrow.

1. “The Six Elementary Doctrines of Christianity- Foundation for Faith.” 19 July 2010. [www.foundationsfamilychurch.com/](http://www.foundationsfamilychurch.com/) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)