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Like a little child...



Repentance

What is it?

Why is it important?

The consequences of repentance.

Why Repentance alone is not salvation!

What is repentance?

First, I have to repent of not doing this study on repentance sooner.

Repentance a dictionary definition

"repent"

^1re·pent

Definition of REPENT

intransitive verb

1

: to turn from sin and dedicate oneself to the amendment of one's life

2

a : to feel regret or contrition b : to change one's mind

transitive verb

1

: to cause to feel regret or contrition

2

: to feel sorrow, regret, or contrition for

re·pent·er noun

Taken from Merriam Websters free online dictionary

First which definition fits biblical repentance?

Well all of them together could equate repentance.
but not by themselves.

Why? A person could feel sorrow and/or regret when they are punished.
but not necessarily is that repentance.

Examples of repentance

King David

The prophet Jonah

The prodigal son

Peter the apostle

We have the dictionary definition of repentance, but is this all it is a change of mind?

What about John the Baptist saying bring forth fruits meet for repentance?

What is the understanding of the Old and New testament concept of repentance? It is incorporated acts of sorrow as well as restitution and restoration. A change of mind that effects a change for heart.

Acts of repentance include: sackcloth and ashes, deep sorrow and voluntary restitution; and confession that sin is wrong and that you want rid of it and restored.

Repent or perish. Jesus said. Unless we change our attitude about sinning we will perish.

Unless we amend our life and our doings, we will perish unless we make restitution whenever possible we will perish.

What is God's attitude toward sin?

It is a spiritual disease that needed healed.

What should be our attitude toward sin now that we are redeemed?

Why we need God to help with repentance?

Because repentance must be granted!

Are we so arrogant as to suppose that God has to accept us just because we stopped sinning for a while to get something from Him, and our intention as a spoiled brat is to get what we want then go back to willful sinning?

Surely the Lord being all knowing will not accept that.

Why repentance alone is not enough to save you

Simply changing your mind and actions about sin does not prevent the consequence of being lost. We must be bought again, "redeemed", from the master of iniquity the devil. The devil knows the spiritual laws of Gods kingdom and the soul, that sinneth it shall die.

It did not say the soul who sins more than most, as is commonly taught be the expert pieces of firewood for the judgement of God in this generation.

For forgiveness you need the Blood of Jesus applied, but to qualify for that you must repent a biblical repentance.

With that said have you repented a biblical repentance?

There are consequences to repentance as well as sin.

There are both positive and negative appearing consequences to repentance.

The positive is the restored communication and ready help of the Father manifested in Christ. As well as that is the new freshness of a renewed walk with God.

Some negative appearing ones may be the acts of discipline imposed upon you by the right standing (righteous) body of Christ

It may be by civil authorities if your sin was also against society in general.

You may have less income if your sin was stealing and you are restoring ten fold as the man in the Gospels.

You may be rebuked and have to restore things to a brother or a sister in the Lord or even those outside the church.

Healing and restoration can be very painful at times. Some sins take a long time to heal from, barring a grace filled act of intervention from the Heavenly Father.

I hope this study on repentance causes you to repent and serve God, leaving the old ways of the world behind and embrace repentance, the first part of the Way of the Cross.

Also repentance is more concerned with avoiding the lost commune with the Creator than it is in avoiding rightful punishment. As the prophets declared chasten us not in wrath but in mercy.

Repentance is restoration to former standing. The attitude of repentance is I will accept the discipline of God. I deserve hell, but God is just going to correct me here not cast me away forever.

Please understand that God's real Grace is not absence of any consequence to sin but absence of the full penalty due which is being cut off and castaway from Him. He is Holy! We are not dealt with in wrath when we sin because of the Blood of Jesus. We are chastened even when we repent sometimes as that is the will of God to save us from sin and to make us like Him. Remember what happened to David and others like Eli. Even Moses was not exempt from the painful consequences of disobeying the Lord.

We are loved so we are chastened so we may remain in the Father's Household and not be castaway.

Most definitely those who are in the household of God who are bold to sin will be dealt with more sternly by the Father of all Grace and Mercy than those who fall do to fleshly weakness.

Water Baptism

What is it?

The importance of the water.

Does Everyone need it?

By what authority and how?



Here is water what doth hinder me from being baptized? Acts 8:36

All scripture is from the KJV unless otherwise stated. Water baptism

What is it?

What is water baptism?

Is it just getting wet or does it remit sin as the bible says. Do you believe that you being dead in sins and trespasses he has quickened or made alive?

The King James dictionary defines baptize as to immerse.

Noah Webster dictionary describes the baptism as immersion and sprinkling because of the way the word was used in his generation

The Greek was only understood one way though.

By immersion dip plunge make fully wet

Wikipedia shows many different modes and interpretations

However, they admit that John the Baptist and the Apostles baptized by full immersion only. What is the importance of it? This is so important this Baptism that even after receiving the Holy Ghost speaking with tongues. Peter commanded that the whole household of Cornelius be baptized.

Read about it in Acts 10:47-48.

So much for only being an outward sign. they had the outward sign already being filled with the Holy Ghost.

They needed to be born of water and of the spirit.

So who will we follow the example of our Lord who was baptized by John or the way of modern man who rejects the counsel of God?

By our Lord's Own words the Baptism of John is the counsel of God!

(Luke 7:29 [KJV])

And all the people that heard [him], and the publicans, justified God, being baptized with the baptism of John. (Luke 7:30 [KJV])

But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him.

This is a very important issue as it is the counsel of God.

What is the importance

The Savior said so. Mark 16:16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved Just before the most quoted scripture in the whole Bible, John 3:16 is one of the most powerful phrases ever uttered!

John 3:5 The Savior says:

(John 3:5 [KJV]) Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and [of] the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Wow whoever Jesus was talking to had to be baptized by water and spirit to enter the kingdom of God

Now ask yourself is heaven part of the Kingdom of God?

You know it is and now we move on to does everyone need it or is it for the religious elite only as is claimed by some.

Who Needs it? Remember the last Scripture this is the Savior speaking, Except a man be born of water and spirit?

Who was Jesus talking to? He was directly speaking to a Pharisee religious elite that same same sect that helped Crucify him! So that is the elite, what about me?

Remember the Baptism of John? (Luke 7:29 [KJV]) And all the people that heard [him], and the publicans, justified God, being baptized with the baptism of John.

Remember John 3:5

The Lord answered his question expect a man . . .

Everyone needs it! By what authority and how?

Why we need it is the authority of The Lord Himself! and the apostles he sent forth Matthew 28:19

Baptizing them in the Name of the Father and the Son and of Holy Ghost.

Luke 24:47 And that repentance of sins and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations beginning at Jerusalem.

So does it matter how? Yes it does! Matthew 28:19 and Luke 24:47 are speaking of the same thing!

Read on to find out how. So is it in the Name of Jesus (his name Luke 24:47) or Matthew 28:19? What is the name or authority of the Holy Ghost? How does it come?

We have a problem as we have no name for the Holy Ghost given, but we do have an authority by which it is given. Guess what that is? Yes Jesus is the Authority of the Holy Ghost John 14:26 But the Comforter, [which is] the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name,...

(The Apostles execute the plan)

Acts 2:38-39 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. 39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, [even] as many as the Lord our God shall call No other name under Heaven

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Speaking of Jesus in Verse 9 in answer to the question what authority in verse 7

Are you ready friend Today is the day!

Water Baptism is the second part of the way of the Cross. Jesus wants all to believe and be baptized and be saved!

Holy Ghost

What or Who is it?

Why you really want it.

The Blessing of the Free Gift of Holy Ghost!

The Holy Ghost is like standing on Holy Ground

Why you need it.

Life abundantly with Joy!

All scriptures are KJV unless otherwise stated



What is the Holy Ghost?

This question has been asked by many, and I must say it is a very good question. How can we answer this question? We cannot totally as how can man understand God?

Ah, but we can answer it rightly as we have a lot of information about this very important aspect of the Lord.

First for this wicked generation let us discuss what the Holy Ghost is not. It is not a ghost like a demon disguised as a departed soul. The first part of the word is Holy meaning set apart it is a set apart Spirit meaning it is not common at all.

Who or what it is it? The answer is both.

A ghost to the writers of the Bible was a personal spirit. I believe they used the term Holy Ghost representing the Lord's Ability to have his presence in more than one place at a time.

Man has a super poor imitation of this in teleconferencing. By using technology, we can see more than one place at time.

If we were to just approach this concept any way, we would certainly get nowhere good and quick.

All over the bible it is described both as God and his power. Just as the hands of a man that pick up his daughter is power representing the man's power it is also him.

Why is the Holy Ghost important to me you may ask?

Why do I need or want the Holy Ghost?

Well it is a necessary power in living right and being saved.

The Holy Ghost is also mandatory to be in the Kingdom of Heaven!

John 3:5-8 Romans 8:9

The Lord knew we would need an attitude transplant not an adjustment but a total new attitude to live for Him.

In Romans 8 it says the natural mind cannot submit to God!

Wow so to saved we have to have a totally different mind.

(ROM 8:6 [KJV])

For to be carnally minded [is] death; but to be spiritually minded [is] life and peace.

(ROM 8:7 [KJV])

Because the carnal mind [is] enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

(ROM 8:8 [KJV])

So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

(ROM 8:9 [KJV])

But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Two things here:

First without the Holy Ghost You are none of His

Second your carnal mind is enmity against God

But what is enmity never heard of it you may ask and why is it so bad?

Per Webster's Dictionary

1. The quality of being an enemy; the opposite of friendship; ill will; hatred; unfriendly dispositions; malevolence. It expresses more than aversion and less than malice, and differs from displeasure in denoting a fixed or rooted hatred, whereas displeasure is more transient.

Did you get that? You are an Enemy of God just by being Adam's seed and need redeemed!

You may say I could never live for God, and if you mean in your own strength you would be so right!

It also is part of the reason we need to be born again of water and the Spirit.

The Holy Ghost enables us to be saved. It is the enabler. It enables us to live for God and to please Him.

If we fall He picks us up, corrects, chastens if necessary, and certainly comforts us. Just as any natural father should do.

The Holy Ghost is sent into your heart so you can make this far away being known as God your Father. He then becomes so near.

Does not this Gift sound like the best gift a person can possibly have?

Please Ask God for this Precious Gift.

Ask for the Holy Ghost (Luke 11:13 [KJV])

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall [your] heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him? Have you asked the Father of all goodness for the Holy Ghost

It does not matter how bad you have been in the past if you are hungry for God now.

He said in Matthew 5: 6

(Matt 5:6 [KJV])

Blessed [are] they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

The Holy Ghost is the righteous of God coming to live in you!

Have you waited a long time after asking for the Holy Ghost?

OK, have you met the conditions. You can not earn salvation, but you have to do something in faith.

Respond. In faith Repent and be baptized in Jesus Name if you have not already

After these simple steps of Faith are met, God will give you the Holy Ghost He promises

this in Acts 2:38 Matthew 5:6 and many other places. Joy and Abundant Life resides in the Holy Ghost!

God wants you to be happy but just not sinful.

John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have [it] more abundantly.

The great God in Christ laid down his life so you could live abundantly with Joy.

The greatest lie you will ever believe is somehow that God has second best, and the temporary pleasure of sin will be greater than the gift of His Spirit!

Are you ready for the Holy Ghost yet? God wants it to be well with you when all obey his

Commandments it will indeed be well.

How the Joy Comes

Romans 14:17 [KJV]) For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Wow part of being in the kingdom of God is having Joy that He gives!

(1Thess 1:6 [KJV])

And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost:

Friend if you have are alive on this earth, you suffer something whether you live for God or not.

Living for God though, you can have joy and peace where it is not possible another way to be joyful.

(Rom 15:13 [KJV]) Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may

abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

I can not be joyful in suffering are you crazy? You are right the flesh hates to suffer, but the Holy Ghost gives the strength to have Joy in suffering for the right reasons.

Please do not miss out Friend!

Need Prayer?

Do you need to be baptized?

Do you have the Holy Ghost as recorded in ACTS Chapter 2, 10-11 and 19?

Find a local fellowship that believes the words of Christ
