

Repentance Is A Hard Command #1

The command to repent seems to one of the hardest, if not the hardest, to persuade people to obey. Not only do non-members have a very real problem with this, but many members of the church do as well. In this article and the next, we will examine the nature of repentance.

Repentance involves a recognition of God. It involves recognizing what God requires (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30). God is the one who requires us to repent. Since He does so, the command is NOT an option! It involves a consideration of God's "goodness" and "longsuffering" (Romans 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9). God could easily bring judgment upon us at any time, but He is gracious and gives us time to repent. How sad it is to see people misusing their opportunities!

Repentance involves godly sorrow. Godly sorrow is not repentance, but it leads to repentance (2 Corinthians 7:10). "Godly sorrow" is not sorrow because one has been caught in his sin. It is not sorrow for what sin has done to him. For example, a young man told of his experiences in trying to help his uncle who was an alcoholic. When he and others visited and encouraged him to repent, his uncle would shed many tears, but he would never change. That is not repentance!

Are you ready to humbly repent of your sins and no longer commit them? We may indeed come boldly to the throne of grace (Hebrews 4:16), but only if we are ready to turn from sin. Are you ready to make that change? If so, please contact us.

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