

Repentance Is A Hard Command #2

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 final article, we will look at two more points about the nature of repentance.

Repentance is a change of mind coupled with a change of action for good. Do not be like Judas who changed his mind, but did not follow with good action (Matthew 27:3-5). In Matthew 21:28-32, one of the sons "*repented and went.*" In Matthew 3:7-10, John the Baptist severely rebuked the Pharisees and Sadducees for not bringing forth the fruits which demonstrate repentance. The phrase, "*Meet for repentance*" carries the thought, "answerable to amendment of life." One might say he has repented, but if he continues in his evil ways, he has not repented at all. True repentance is genuine!

There are blessings involved in true repentance. In the parables of Luke 15, the lost sheep, coin and son all teach the same lesson. There is rejoicing in heaven when a sinner repents (Luke 15:10). Sins are blotted out and refreshing comes from the Lord when one repents (Acts 3:19; cf. Ezekiel 18:30-31; Isaiah 55:6-7).

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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