

our course and kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for us a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give unto all them that love his appearing (2 Tm: 4:7-8). May God bless, guide and lead you to gain understanding and wisdom in your study of his word.



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Lesson # 106

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Repentance forgoes an admission of sins committed as well as the desire to change the outlook on life and the desire to follow Jesus Christ. You acknowledge that you have sinned and want to repent to follow Jesus Christ's foot steps. You end your rebellion against God's word and ask for His forgiveness, mercy, and guidance to accomplish your desire to change your mind, attitude, understanding and purpose in your life. We can not save ourselves but depend on God who is able to save us. But to identify our desires to follow Christ we need to be baptized, born of the water and of the Spirit, which is a public declaration to our faith that allows us to enter the kingdom of God (Jn: 3:5).

Repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his (Jesus') name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. For we are witnesses of these things (Lk: 24:47-48). In meekness we are to instruct those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will (2 Tim: 2:25-26).

Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. For godly sorrow works repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world works death. For the God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Him has God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins (Acts 5:30-31). For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not per-

and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame. (Heb: 6:4-6).

Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaven's the whole lump? Purge out therefore the old leaven that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of *sincerity and truth* (1Cor: 5:6-8). For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. You have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but you have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. Who's Spirit bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren (Rom: 8:14-16 & 28-29).

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (2 Pt: 3:9).

And nothing shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom: 8:39). If we trust, abide and obey God's commandments until the end, we truly can say: we fought a good fight, finished

ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears. (Heb: 12:14-17).

John prepared the way for the coming of Christ

John did baptize in the wilderness and preached the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. And there went out unto him all the land of Judea, and of Jerusalem, and many of the Pharisees and Sadducees came to his baptism and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins (Mk: 1:4-5). And he said unto them: Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance and do not say within yourselves; we have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to rise up children unto Abraham. For every tree which brings not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he (Jesus) shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire (Mat: 3:7-8-10-11).

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land (2 Chr: 7:14).

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: Who forgives all my iniquities; heals all my diseases; redeems my life from destruction; and crowns me with loving kindness and tender mercies. He satisfies my mouth with good things; so that my youth is renewed like the eagles (Ps: 103:2-3-5).

For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened,

ish, but have everlasting life. God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved (Jn: 3:16-17).

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming (1Cor: 15:22-23).

And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual (1Cor: 15:45-46). As we have borne the image of the earthy, so shall we also bear the image of the heavenly (1Cor: 15:49).

1.) Jesus said unto his disciples be diligent and careful

do not act in a casual manner, but watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: because the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. His divine power has given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that has called us to glory and virtue: Wherewith are given us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these we might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And beside this, giving all diligence, we add to our faith virtue; knowledge, temperance; patience; godliness; kindness; and charity. For if these things abound in us they make us that we shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacks these things is blind and has forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Therefore brethren let's rather give

diligence to make our calling and election sure: for if we do these things, we shall never fall: For so an abundant entrance shall be ministered unto us into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (2 Pt: 1:3-11).

But note: The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance (2 Pt: 3:8-9).

For it is God which works in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure (Phil: 2:13). The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Him has God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins (Acts 5:30-31).

2.) We maintain a good reputation: Always remember your work of faith, your labour of love and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father (1 Thes: 1:3). Now our faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear (Heb: 11:1 & 3). For truth bears, hopes, believes and endures all things (1 Cor: 13:7). Therefore, my beloved brethren, let's remain steadfast, unmovable and always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as we know that our labour is not in vain in the Lord (1 Cor: 15:58). We as ambassadors of Christ were examples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia. For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we

least of them unto the greatest of them, says the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more (Jer: 1:33-34).

7.) Vindicate what you have done. We have to recognize what we have done and restore and correct it. For behold this selfsame thing, that we sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, what clearing of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, yea, vehement desire, zeal and revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter (2 Cor: 7:11)

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us all our sins and unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us (1 Jn: 1:8-10).

And it came to pass, that, as Jesus sat at meat in his house, many publicans and sinners sat also together with Jesus and his disciples: for there were many, and they followed him. And when the scribes and Pharisees saw him eat with publicans and sinners, they said unto his disciples, how is it that he eats and drinks with publicans and sinners? When Jesus heard it, he said unto them, they that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. (Mk: 2:15-17).

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled; Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. For

fore me. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou might be justified when thou speak and be clear when thou judge. Behold, I was formed in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, thou desire truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shall make me to know wisdom. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones, which thou have broken, may rejoice. Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness (Ps: 51:1-14). This is a prayer example for us to follow. We have to humble ourselves and ask God for forgiveness and renewal of his Holy Spirit within us.

6.) We have to develop the zeal to repent, because God said as many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent (Rev: 3:19). And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not (Gal: 6:9).

But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; after those days, said the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the

need not to speak any thing (1 Thes: 1:7-8). Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven. For the Son of man is come to save that which is lost (Mt: 18:10-11). My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when you are rebuked of him: (Heb: 12:5).

3.) Indignation against sins is a desire to overcome and eradicate sin. Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, we have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to rise up children unto Abraham (Lk: 3:8). I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance (Lk: 5:32). Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectionate one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; (Rom: 12:9-10). But go ye and learn what that means, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance (Mt: 9:13).

I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repents, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance (Lk: 15:7).

The gifts and calling of God are without repentance. For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief: Even so have these also now not believed that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy. For God has concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all (Rom: 11:29-32). For he has chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto

the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will. For through his blood we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace. In whom we also trust and believe after we heard the word of truth, which is the gospel of our salvation, wherewith we are sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise (Eph: 1:4-7 & 13).

4.) Have fear and respect of God Heb: 3:12-19 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end; While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation. For some, when they had heard, did provoke howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses. But with whom was he grieved forty years? Was it not with them that sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness? And to whom swear he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not? So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief. Therefore let us fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. (Heb: 4:1-2).

As I live, said the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel? Therefore, thou son

of man, say unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression: as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turns from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sins. When I shall say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his righteousness' shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he has committed, he shall die for it. Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shall surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right; If the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die. None of his sins that he has committed shall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live (Ez: 33:11-16).

But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he has committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die (Ez: 18:21).

5.) Vehement desire to become more like God. Blessed are they, which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled (Mt: 5:6). If you do not have that desire you can not become righteous.

David's conscience bothered him so he asked God in prayer to have mercy upon him, according to His loving kindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever be-