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"The voice of one crying in the wilderness..." (Matthew 3:3)

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Repentance

In our last article we talked about believing in God. But what else is the will of the Father that we may please Him so that we can go to heaven? Jesus says in Luke 13:3, "I tell you, no; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." It is either repent or perish; the choice is ours. But Satan does not want us to repent. Acts 17:30, "Truly these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent." All people everywhere, and that includes you and me, are commanded of God to repent. Repent of what? Repent of our sins. Repent of not fully serving and following all that God says.

God is pleading with us to repent. He greatly desires that we turn to him. He tells us in II Peter 3:9, "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." God wants us to repent so we can be saved. He is patiently waiting on us. But eventually our time will run out. The longer we put off repentance, the harder our heart gets.

Repentance is not just being sorry. II Corinthians 7:10, "For Godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death." Repentance is a change of heart and a change of mind. We must make up our mind to stop living life our

way and start living it God's way. It is making up our mind that henceforth we are going to serve God with all our might and do everything He says. Matthew 22:37, "Jesus said to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." In other words, we must do it with all of our being.

Repentance can be recognized in our lives by others. John the Baptizer said to the Pharisees and Saducees, "Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance." We must be willing to make a change in our lifestyle.

Romans 2:4 says, "The goodness of God leads you to repentance." God has been so good to us, and this should cause us to want to please Him in every way. God, because of His love for us, has done so much for us, and because of this we read in I John 4:19, "We love Him, because He first loved us." This should cause us to want to repent and do all the things that He has asked us to do, otherwise we do not love God. Jesus said in John 14:24, "He who does not love Me, does not keep my words." Do you love God? If you do, you will want to do everything that He says. In John 14:15 Jesus says, "If you love Me keep My commandments." Are you willing to show your love to God by repenting?

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Questions Related To Repentance

1) (Luke 13:3) If we don't repent

- We will perish.
- God will overlook it.
- We will go to Heaven anyway.

2) (Acts 17:30) God commands all men everywhere

- To live the way we choose.
- To repent.
- To enjoy themselves.

3) To repent is a command of God

- True False

4) (2 Peter 3:9) God wants

- No one to repent.
- Only His favorites to be saved.
- All people to be saved.

5) (2 Corinthians 7:10) Godly sorrow

- Is repentance.
- Produces repentance.
- Does not produce repentance.

6) Repentance is just being sorry.

- True False

7) (Matthew 22:37) How are we to love God?

- With all our heart, soul, and mind.
- When we feel like it.
- When things are going well.

8) Loving God does not require our entire heart, soul, and mind.

- True False

9) (Romans 2:4) What leads us to repentance?

- Our own goodness.
- Our not wanting to please God.
- The goodness of God.

10) The goodness of God does not cause us to repent

- True False

11) (John 14:24) Those who do not love Christ

- Will keep His commandments.
- Do not keep his commandments.

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