

## ***Repenting's Importance***

In today's lesson the Holy Spirit has laid it upon my heart to teach about how important it is to repent. Repenting of your sins is a very important step in your christian walk. It is the act of acknowledging you are wrong and have sinned and turning away from that sin, while seeking forgiveness from the Lord Jesus Christ. There are some people that think once they have been saved that they can continue to live however they want and not repent or ask forgiveness of their sins, because they have already been saved. It is true once you accept Jesus Christ into your heart you are saved, but you have to keep your garment clean. When you are saved and repent you are only being forgiven for the sins you have already committed. Because we are at war with our flesh and desires and some of those can still lead us to sin again even after accepting Jesus Christ as our Lord. Sin is sin and not one is worse than the other, they all lead to death. And that is where repenting of your sins cleans the slate and keeps your garment clean. Those that don't, are living a dangerous life that is talked very badly about in the book of Revelation and that is being lukewarm. Even in the Old Testament they repented of their sins and knew they were in the wrong. So please don't think just because you are saved that you can't sin again because you can. And when you repent and turn away from those sins you are training yourself and preparing yourself to be bride ready (keeping your garment clean) and not continuing to make the same mistakes anymore. Repentance should be a part of your everyday life as the Holy Spirit convicts us to repent as well, when we sin. That feeling you get when you are saved, but you know what you did wasn't exactly Christian like. Like for instance lusting after another man or woman. Or telling a lie to someone no matter how big or little. The point is you know it's wrong and you do it anyway out of habit. We are in a sin natured body and some of our own wants and desires lead to us sinning. Even when we are saved that is why repentance is important; it trains you into acknowledging your faults and to turn away from them seeking forgiveness from the Lord Jesus Christ. So let's look at some Scripture to back all this up and to see why it's important to keep your garment clean.

### **Accepting Jesus Christ as your Lord and repentance**

#### **Romans 10:13**

**13. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.**

#### **Acts 3:19**

**19. Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.**

## **Example of David** **repenting of sin Old Testament**

### **Psalms 51:1-4**

- 1. Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.**
- 2. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**
- 3. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.**
- 4. Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.**

### **Proverbs 28:13**

**13 He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.**

## **Jesus telling us to repent and the disciples tell us** **why to continue**

### **Matthew 4:17**

**17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**

### **2 Corinthians 7:10**

**10. For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.**

## **An example of all sin being equal and leading to death**

### **Luke 13:1-5**

**1. There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.**

2. And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things?

3. I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

4. Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem?

5. I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

### **Romans 6:23**

23. For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Being at war with our flesh**

### **Galatians 5:17-21**

17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

18. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

19. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

20. Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

21. Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

## **Don't be lukewarm**

### **Revelation 3:15-19**

15. I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or

hot.

16. So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.

17. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

18. I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

19. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

### **Jesus giving us an example of a luke warm christian being turned away because of sin**

#### **Luke 13:23-28**

23. Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them,

24. Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

25. When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are:

26. Then shall ye begin to say, We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets.

27. But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity.

28. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when ye shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and all the prophets, in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrust out.

## **The Holy Spirit convicting us when we sin and the warning to keep your garments clean**

### **John 16:7-9**

7. Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

8. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

9. Of sin, because they believe not on me;

### **Ecclesiastes 9:8**

8. Let thy garments be always white; and let thy head lack no ointment.

### **Revelation 22:14**

14. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

## **Confess your sins to Jesus Christ and Repent for them**

### **1 John 1:3-9**

3. That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

4. And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

5. This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

6. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

7. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

8. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

### **Proverbs 28:13**

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## **Training your mind to sin less and if you slip remember to repent and all will be forgiven**

### **Romans 12:1-2**

1. I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

2. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

### **2 Corinthians 10:5**

5. Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

### **Acts 17:30-31**

30. And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

31. Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

### **2 Chronicles 7:14**

14. 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.

## **Revelation 3:19**

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I truly hope you all understand the importance of repenting and keeping your robes or garments clean. As we are all called to do thank you for your time I pray this lesson reaches those that it is meant to reach and can be used freely in all your teachings or answers questions you may be having.