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Repentance: An Attitude Toward God

The Biblical record shows that the descendants of Adam and Eve are religious and also rebellious toward repentance that Holy God requires. That rebellious attitude seeping into the congregation of the saints is a present and constant danger. Within the church repentance that God accepts is not always popular. Jesus used the Narrow and Wide Gates to distinguish between popular religion and God-honoring religion, (Matthew 7:13-14).

Holman Bible Dictionary (HBD) defines repentance that is acceptable to God as: “The call to repent is a call to absolute surrender to the purpose of God and to live in this awareness. This radical turning to God is required of all people: 'Unless you repent, you will all perish' (Luke 13:3). ... A willful determination to turn from a life of sin and self-rule to a life ruled by God and lived in His righteousness,” (HBD, p. 1376, par. 3, 4). This is the narrow gate that leads to life.

Many church-going people honor God with their lips but not their hearts (Isaiah 29:13). Ignoring God's commandments, they teach their religious ideas expecting God to accept them. God calls their religion lawlessness, (Matthew 7:21-23). Their sin? They rejected God's holy standard.

For example, several religious bodies ignore Romans chapter one and debate whether the homosexual lifestyle is a sin. Many ignore the commission to go, teach and baptize those who believe, (Matthew 28:18-20); insisting that all that is needed is to say, “Lord, I know I'm a sinner. Please save me. Amen.” Others call people inviting them to accept Jesus as Lord and be assured of heaven. All that is needed is to affirm their desire to be saved.

The Point: Personal choices and actions identify religious loyalty. *Jesus makes the choice easy to understand. He said, “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments,” (John 14:15). Eternity hinges on this simple choice. God's desire for sincere fellowship required two options: obey or not obey. David, in Psalm (51:3-4), and Jesus in the Parable of the Prodigal shows that there are no acceptable excuses. Nothing justifies sin, (Luke 15:18-19).*

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Paul is an example of obedience. His acceptable repentance demonstrated his love for God. His obsession became to imitate Jesus even in death, (Philippians 3:10). His love for Jesus drove him to share the gospel. "He declared everywhere that men should repent and turn to God performing deeds appropriate to repentance," (Acts 26:19-20). He also knew the temptation to relax his focus on Jesus and to become envious of Satan's thinly disguised religious activity and he fought against it. To the Corinthians he testified of his self discipline in caring for and living his faith. His concerns were real. He said, "I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified," (I Corinthians 9:24-27). Paul loved Jesus and obeyed Him. His eternity is assured because he lived and worked, "According to the rules," as Jesus commanded, (II Timothy 2:5).

Examine the options.

Option #1: The devil offers religion that looks good, feels good and satisfies the urge to be religious without regard to pleasing Holy God and the masses flock to the broad gate. *Our enemy, who can fashion himself into an angel of light, works hard to make his type of religion appealing to the flesh, quoting the Bible just enough to fool weak Christians and nonbelievers.*

Today, Satan offers freedom from all restraints and later, eternal condemnation, (Revelation 20:11-15). Option #2: Sovereign God promises His strength for today to all who repent and obey His commands, and an eternity in His presence, reigning with Him, (Revelation 22:5).

What will eternity be like? Reflect on (I Corinthians 2:9), "... Just as it is written, 'Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those who love Him'". Eternity. Only God knows its beauty.

Eternity with God will be joy, peace, contentment, excitement and rest in His everlasting love. Sing praises to Him!

Paul places emphasis on our eternal choice. First, test yourselves to see if you are in the faith, (II Corinthians 13:5). Examine your attitude of repentance toward God, His saving grace. Second, claiming to be Christian is good. So live like one. Imitate Jesus, (Galatians 5:16- 25).

True repentance gladly obeys Jesus. Your choice. **Act on it.**

Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

Buford Smith

A New Station has been added.

We began broadcasting on Radio Taiwan September 1, 2019. This station is a 100,000 watt AM station, initially broadcasting on 1557 AM, and then changing to permanent 1098 AM, and reaches south and central Taiwan, Hong Kong, and the eastern portion of China., namely the provinces of Guangdong, Fujian, Jiangxi, and Zhejiang. This is a targeting audience of over 249 million people.

Out of the 1.4 billion people in China, there are just over 97 million Christians, approximately 7%. One third of the religious believers in China face constant persecution, such as bureaucratic harassment, economic exploitation, harsh prison terms and even violence. China strictly forbids that anyone under 18 years of age be allowed to attend church, and in the last year, the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has closed four large churches, torn down crosses from churches, raided churches, arrested Christians, and forced churches to install facial recognition cameras.

As of April 2018, the online sales of Bibles were stopped by the government.

This is an excerpt from information received through Pan American Broadcasting.

Letters From Africa

I grew up going to church, repeating memory prayers, and trying to do right. But it wasn't until I started listening to your program "Words of Life" that I admitted to myself that I really didn't have faith in God. I felt a desire for genuine trust in God. My question is, how do I get faith?

Wolokille H. Sloan, Monrovia, Liberia, June 5, 2019

It is my prayer that God will continue to inspire you that you will continue your service for Him.

I pray that God help us to do what is right and to honor you. Bless our actions that they may reflect your goodness.

Justin Gono, Monrovia, Liberia, June 2, 2019

May God almighty bless your life and give you many years to live that the gospel will go all over Africa. You are doing a great job and we do appreciate it. May God continue to use you through your broadcast Words of Life.

Angel Anila Peterson, Monrovia, Liberia, June 17, 2019

Since my brother's death, I have come to learn that God is always present when I cry for help. When I make decisions, big or small, I pray for guidance that the Lord not only protects me, but also gives me wisdom to handle the struggles of daily life. Now I no longer worry about finding someone to lean on. I know I can always rely on God at every moment of my life. Thank you for your program that is leading us to move on with our lives.

David Dukuly, Monrovia, Liberia, June 11, 2019

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19-31	08/04/19	Keep The Unity
19-32	08/11/19	The Land I Have Given Them
19-33	08/18/19	Joshua The High Priest
19-34	08/25/19	Two Anointed To Serve
19-35	09/01/19	Every Eye Will See Him
19-36	09/08/19	Put On Love
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