

THE TRUE GOSPEL

100 SCRIPTURES ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD

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JESUS CHRIST PREACHED THE KINGDOM

Mat 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, repent: for the **KINGDOM OF HEAVEN** is at hand.

Note: Here we see that Jesus preached the same message as John the Baptist. So the New Testament opens with these **TWO WITNESSES** who came preaching the Kingdom of Heaven. A message of repentance was included in both John's and Jesus' preaching of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Here are scriptures by which we can learn some of the principles of repentance.

* Eze 18:30 Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord God. **REPENT**, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

Note: God wants us to come to understand what sin is and how it causes us to ruin our lives so that we can repent.

* Mat 3:7 But when he (John the Baptist) saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

Mat 3:8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for **REPENTANCE**:...

Mat 3:10 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Note: Here John the Baptist told the Pharisees that baptism without repentance is useless. Anyone who is baptized without repenting is like a fruit tree that produces nothing and is eventually cut down and burned up.

* Luk 13:1 There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

Luk 13:2 And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things?

Luk 13:3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye **REPENT**, ye shall all likewise perish.

Luk 13:4 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?

Luk 13:5 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye **REPENT**, ye shall all likewise perish.

Note: The lesson here is this: Don't think that people who experience hardship in life are sinners while those who prosper are righteous. Remember the example of the rich man and Lazarus who was a poor and sick beggar. (Luk 16) Lazarus came to be in the Kingdom of God

while the rich man did not. Whatever your experience in life, unless we repent, we will not come to have eternal life, but will perish.

*Luk 24:46 And (Jesus) said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

Luk 24:47 And that REPENTANCE and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Note: The preaching of the true Gospel in Jesus' name or by his authority, includes a message of repentance on our part and remission (forgiveness) of sins on God's part.

* Act 2:37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

Act 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, REPENT, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Note: Here was the response of the crowd after the first sermon preached by Peter on the Day of Pentecost after Jesus rose from the dead. Read the entire sermon from Acts 2:14. We see that the gospel Peter preached included a message of repentance and baptism. When we have repented and have been baptized, God will give us his holy spirit. What does the holy spirit do for us? By the spirit of God we are able to know the things of God 1Cor 2:11-14 The spirit of God is how God dwells in us as in his temple. 1Cor 3:16, 1Jo 3:24 God seals us with his holy spirit. It is called the 'earnest' or down payment on our inheritance of receiving eternal life. Eph 1:13-14

* Act 3:19 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;

Note: To be converted means to turn around from our present course of conduct, to change our mind. To show how great a change is required of us for conversion, Jesus called a little child to him and said in Mat 18:3, "Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven."

This verse also tells us that our sins will finally be blotted out WHEN the 'times of refreshing' shall come. The 'times of refreshing' is the new world of the Kingdom of God that will take over all the kingdoms of the world at the time of the second coming of Christ from Heaven.

* Act 11:18 When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted REPENTANCE unto life.

* Rom 2:4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to REPENTANCE?

Note: These scriptures tell us that repentance is something God GRANTS to us and leads us to do from the heart.

* Act 26:20 But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should REPENT and turn to God, and do works meet for REPENTANCE.

Note: This was the preaching that went forth to these places, a message of repentance, turning to God from our heart and doing works that show God we truly are repentant. Read some examples of the works in the messages to the seven churches in Rev 2 and 3.

* 2Cor 7:9 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. 2Cor 7:10 For godly sorrow worketh REPENTANCE to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

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

Note: These scriptures describe the experience of genuine and lasting repentance as opposed to the 'sorrow of the world'. The sorrow of the world works death because it is not genuine or lasting. An example of this would be a criminal who is only sorry that he got caught, not really heartfelt sorry for what he did.

* 2Ti 2:25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them REPENTANCE to the acknowledging of the truth;

Note: This tells us that repentance is something God 'gives' us. It also tells us that those who preach the gospel and repentance must have an attitude of meekness, not one of being 'holier than thou' because we ALL need to repent. Also, those who preach repentance must KNOW the TRUTH so people can clearly understand the errors they need to repent of.

* Rev 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and REPENT.

Note: This message was written to the Church at Laodicea for their attitude of being self sufficient and lukewarm. It shows that even those who have already been baptized and are in the Church may have things they need to repent of. And the principle here can apply to any sin.

* Psalm 51

This psalm is the repentance prayer of David after he took Bathsheba and killed her husband. It is worthwhile reading to understand the heartfelt repentance that God requires of us.