



Revelation 3:18-19: *"I counsel you to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that you may be rich; and white clothing, that you may be clothed, and that the shame of your nakedness does not appear; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. As many*

as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent."

The preaching of repentance is one of the most powerful things that Satan is trying to steal from the Church. He knows the power of repentance. When people repent, we lay aside every weight that is besetting us. **However, more importantly when you repent, you take away the license that the enemy has been given in your life.** Once that blockage is removed, the blessing can then begin to flow in your life again.

So, what then is repentance? Is it saying I am sorry, or is there something more to it? There is a reason why most people have to go through trials and tribulations and experience pain, suffering and sorrow before they are able to repent. **Sorrow has to do with feelings, whereas repentance involves a change in the attitude of a person towards God and other people.** When you truly repent, powerful things begin to happen in your own life as well as in the spiritual realm.

2 Corinthians 7:10: *"For godly sorrow works repentance to salvation not to be regretted: but the sorrow of the world works death."*

Remorse or guilt in itself is not repentance, although it could lead to repentance. In the scriptures we see how Judas was filled with remorse, yet there is no record that he ever repented.

Matthew 27:3-4: *"Then Judas, who betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, I have sinned in that I betrayed innocent blood. But they said, what is that to us? See thou to it."*

Repentance has more to do with your will, than it has to do with your feelings. You may feel sorrow and regret about some things that may have happened in your life but that is not true repentance. Whenever you truly repent, there is recognition of what you have done wrong that is followed by an attitude of contrition and a change in the way you live your life and how you treat others. **This is something easier said than done.**

The act of surrender in a true heart felt repentance is something that most people have a problem with because it goes against everything that mankind has ingrained in their own DNA since the fall. Repentance goes against every carnal desire and work of the flesh in unregenerate man. **It takes the power**

of the Holy Ghost to break down all the worldly paradigms and carnal mindsets in an unsaved person.

The modern Church has replaced the Gospel of the Kingdom with another gospel, and is preaching another Jesus:

Mat 3:2: *"...Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*

No wonder the Churches are filled with people that are living in sin, demonized, sick, depressed, without joy and the power of God in their lives. If you remove the power of the Holy Ghost, and the messages on repentance that bring conviction and lead people to repent in churches, what you have left is a make me feel good religion where people go to placate their guilt and feel better about themselves while still living in their sins. **This is the reason why the Christian Church is dying in America.**

Man has progressed in the areas of technology and science but he himself remains unchanged. Maybe you are wondering why your prayers are not being answered or why the blessing from God is being blocked from your life. **Could it be because of the condition of your heart?** Maybe you are angry at the Almighty and are making demands on Him because you believe that He owes it to you. This type of foolish presumption has led many people away from the straight and narrow path.

One of the things that has continually puzzled me through the years is how most believers are ready to preach at the sinner and condemn them while at the same time harboring unforgiveness, bitterness, hatred and the love of money in their own hearts. It brings to mind how **the Master drew the line in the sand and challenged the accusers to throw the first stone at the woman caught in the act of adultery.**

The whole essence of repentance is acknowledging your sin, accepting the forgiveness that was offered through the atoning sacrifice of the cross, and allowing the precious shed blood of His Son Jesus Christ to cleanse you from all your sins and turning back to your Heavenly Father in a renewed relationship. One of the characteristics of **true repentance and conversion is a heartfelt desire to do God's will and to please Him.**

Whenever you pray to our Heavenly Father, if you feel that there is a wall, an obstacle between you and Him, chances are that there is a problem in your relationship with Him. If you pray and you feel as though your prayers are bouncing off the ceiling and the heaven is as brass, **it is very possible that you have said or done something that has offended your heavenly Father that you may need to repent of.**

If you pray and feel something is wrong, you need to ask Him to show you what the problem is so you can repent. However, if you still do not get an answer, you may need to go into a fast to break down and weaken the outward man so that your spirit man is able to be released and show you what the problem is. **There are some demonic strongholds that will not yield except through prayer and fasting.**

I encourage you to make your calling and election sure while there is still time to do it. It is time to come into alignment to the will of our Heavenly Father. Shalom.