
CHAPTER 15- WHAT REPENTANCE MEANS

Repent: "Metanoeo" : A change of principle and practice, mental change of the attitudes, a change of mind or a change of ones mode of thinking or of one's conduct.

First, we have to look at the condition of man.

1 Corinthians 2:14 *"But people who aren't spiritual can't receive these truths from God's spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can't understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means."*

Why can't the natural man receive? Because the natural man is _____ IN HIS TRESPASSES.

Ephesians 2:1-3 *"Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins..."*

John 5:24 *"...those who listen to my message and believe I God... they will never be condemned for their sins, but they have already passed from death into life."*

There are 2 types of death:

- _____ death
- _____ death

_____ death is the nature of satan, just as spiritual life is the nature of the Father!

How do we prove we have passed from death to life?

1 John 3:14-15 *"If we love our brothers and sisters who are believers, it proves that we have passed from death to life. But a person who has no love is still dead. Anyone who hates another brother or sister is really a murderer at heart. And you know that murderers don't have eternal life within them."*

This contrasts Life and Death. Spiritual death _____ the sovereignty over the human race in the garden, and man has served as a slave under its dominion.

Romans 5:12 NLT *"When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned."*

- Spiritual Death has been passed to all because of Adam.
- It reigned without interference until Moses.
- Moses brought atonement through the blood of goats and bulls.

Atonement: To cover.

Moses took a garment of animal life and spread it over spiritually dead Israel. It covered the broken law and the priesthood.

Spiritual death lost its complete sovereignty as long as Israel walked in 1st covenant.

But then Jesus came and the combat between life and death were at odds. John 10:10

Life: Greek word "Zoe". Which means God's _____, His nature.

1 John 3:8-10 “...But the Son of God came to destroy the works of the devil. Those who have been born into God’s family do not make a practice of sinning, because God’s life is in them. So they can’t keep on sinning, because they are now children of God. So now we can tell who are children of God and who are children of the devil. Anyone who does not live righteously and does not love other believers does not belong to God.”

- **Two families are being contrasted.**

Ephesians 2:11-12 “Don’t forget you Gentiles used to be outsiders. You were called “uncircumcised heathens” by the Jews, who were proud of their circumcision, even though it only affected their bodies and not their hearts. In those days you were living apart from Christ. You were excluded from citizenship among the Jews and you did not know the covenant promises God made to them. You lived in this world without God and without Hope.”

All knowledge the natural man has is sense knowledge and only comes through the senses. He is spiritually dead. He is spiritually blind.

The natural man cannot change his _____ and repent until he becomes and receives his new nature. He has to be empowered by God. Otherwise, it is only willpower and behaviour modification.

The natural man may give up _____ and _____ or use tips and tricks to try and overcome or stay out of environments that may tempt.

EX: AA.

But when we receive this free gift, we no longer are overcoming obstacles in our own power, but in His power.

Romans 4:25 “Who was betrayed and crucified because of our sins, and was raised [from the dead] because of our justification [our acquittal- absolving us of all sin before God].

This means that Jesus suffered until every claim of justice was satisfied as far as the sinner is concerned.

It also means that when Jesus was raised it proved He had paid the penalty of our trespasses, and now man has _____, righteousness and eternal life.

When Jesus sat down at the right hand of the Father it was because at that point in time, all the work for redemption had been settled and sealed. It was done.

We can believe that Jesus is God’s son, but we must also confess His _____.

Romans 10:9-10 “ because if you acknowledge and confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord [recognizing His power, authority, and majesty as God], and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart a person believes [in Christ as Savior] resulting in his justification [that is, being made righteous—being freed of the guilt of sin and made acceptable to God]; and with the mouth he acknowledges and confesses [his faith openly], resulting in and confirming [his] salvation.”

D.L Moody said repentance meant “right, about face”. We should make the message so clear and simple that the unsaved man can see Jesus as his Saviour and Lord.

CHAPTER 16 - HAVING YOUR OWN FAITH LIFE

We are not dependent upon anyone else for our faith in Christ. We can't afford to trust others with the _____ issues that we ourselves should be able to face.

We must know our standing before the _____. As we know this, the problem of _____ is settled.

Because of the New birth we have become partakers of the divine nature, the very righteousness of God in Christ.

Ephesians 4:7 "But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift."

Grace- means ability; everything we need in this walk.

We must _____ our position and take _____ of our position in Christ.

- The old bondage filled life has stopped; old self dominated by satan has stopped.
- A New self, a righteous self, a God filled self has taken it's place.

Matthew 28:18 "All power is given to you in heaven and on earth."

We not only have God's authority and power in us, we have the great and mighty Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead dwelling in us.

1 John 4:4 "Greater is He that is in you, than He that is in the world."

When a man loses his temper, we rise up in love. We walk in love, live in love and that makes us masters of every person who does not walk in love.

That man who lost his temper said and did things out of _____ and _____. They emanate out of the natural, selfish man.

- You are a master because the very nature of the Father has come into you.
- You have the _____ to _____ into ALL the fullness of Christ & to take advantage of it.
- You have ALL His fullness right now.

John 1:16 "For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace"

EX: Undeveloped land. You may have to mow, weed eat, pluck out some over grown shrubs, but it's already there.

There is _____ limit to your walk and your ability, only to the measure you limit yourself.

We now have fellowship that is operating even in the unconscious. It is 3-fold.

- Fellowship with the _____ of Christ
- Fellowship with Christ Jesus (1 Corinthians 1:9; Colossians 1:27b "Christ in you the hope of glory")
- Fellowship with the _____.

Colossians 2:6-7 "Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."

He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. We aren't lacking.

Ephesians 1:3 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,".

Rise up and take your place. Receive the riches that are available to you.

All you have to do is _____ on His word, _____ in his word. The more you walk in His Word and act upon it, you will learn your _____ & _____ that live on your lips.

You won't need someone else's faith, because by your own _____ you are filled.

CHAPTERS 17- THE LIMITATIONS OF JESUS

Jesus never _____ Himself to His surroundings or the opinion of others.

Jesus only spoke what He heard His Father saying.

John 12:49 "I don't speak on my own authority. The Father who sent me has commanded me what to say and how to say it."

The high priest gave a promissory note every year when he entered the Holy of Holies to make atonement.

When Jesus carried His blood into the heavenly Holy of Holies, all the notes were cashed in and all the sins under the first covenant were put away.

Hebrews 10:4 "For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sins".

Vs 12 "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God."

Vs 14 "For by one offering he has perfected forever them that are sanctified."

No one could receive eternal life until their sins had been remitted. There was no mediator at the right hand of God and until there was a mediator, no one could approach God.

What an astounding thought to think that Jesus did not have one person who was spiritually minded as a companion.

Until He completed his work on the cross, Jesus was _____. He was saviour, but He hadn't completed the work yet.

Jesus said in John 14:12 "Greater works than these will you do."

Why? Because, we bring the Word of Life and men become recreated into the family of God. We help them pass from death to life. We, through God's word have been able to lead men into fellowship.

BELIEVE:

Our ministry is almost unlimited.

Jesus is the Author and Finisher of our Faith. (Romans 12:3)

Mark 11:23-24 “I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, ‘May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,; and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart. I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you’ve received it and it will be yours.”

Mark 9:23 “All things are possible for him who believes.”

Matthew 21:22 “And whatever you ask in prayer, believing you shall have receive.”

Paul never tells a believer to _____, because that is who we are.

- We already are believers so that is what we do.
- By nature we believe.

John 14:14 “If you ask me anything in My name, I will do it.”

- We have been given Power of Attorney.
- A legal right to utilize the authority and power of Christ in any situation.

“You see, if I do not know what I am, the Word confuses me, but when I know what I am in Christ, know what my rights are and my privileges, then you can bring no confusion to my spirit.

CHAPTER 18 -THE DEFEATED SATAN

Victory belongs to the believer because of Christ’s substitutionary work.

Galatians 2:20 “I am crucified with Christ”.

Every unsaved man has the same legal right to eternal life because he was legally justified in the great substitution.

Because of Christ’s _____ we can leave spiritual death behind and go into the presence of the Father without shame, pain or disgrace.

Colossians 2:15 “In this way, He disarmed the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.”

Hebrews 2:14b “For only as a human being could he [Jesus] die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death.”

There is no longer any battles to fight, except the “Good fight of faith”. 1 Timothy 6:12

- We _____ in faith, by learning the word of God and _____ it out.
- You will conquer the enemy with _____.
- The power of life and death are in our tongue. So as we speak life, we _____ the enemy & his power.
- Jesus healed people with words. Peter released healing with words.

Psalm 107:20 "He sent out His word and healed them, snatching them from the door of death".

We declare with our mouth, God's word back to God. It has such power when we speak His very words.

Philippians 4:19 "My God shall supply all your need."

Our fight isn't against people, but _____ demonic entities. They are eternally defeated. Now and in the age to come.

Revelations 12:11 "They overcame him by the blood of the lamb and the word of their testimony".

LOGOS: Word.

John 1:1 "In the beginning was the LOGOS and the LOGOS was God and the LOGOS was with God."

When we look at Rev. 12:11 they didn't just overcome with Words, but they overcame with CHRIST Himself.

The _____ is the _____ of our victory and on that ground we stand.

Jeremiah 1:12 "I will hasten my word to perform it". **Isaiah 55:11** "My word shall not return to me void".

The most powerful thing we can do is speak God's word back to God. When you go before the throne you are taking His own WORD to Him.

John 15:7 "If you abide in my and my words abide in you, you will ask what you desire and it shall be done for you."

The Key is _____.

We must take our place and shout "We are what He says we are! We can do what He says we can do!"

CHAPTER 19- THE END OF CONDEMNATION

Feelings of condemnation after we have become a new creation isn't because God condemns us, but because it's actually rooted in _____.

2 Corinthians 5:17ESV "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation/ The old has passed away; behold the new has come."

Vs 18-19 NLT "And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to Himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to Him. For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation."

Instantly when we said "Yes" we became a child of God. We didn't have to work for it, change any part of us for it. It was gifted to us.

The _____ problem has been settled.

The _____ is what we need to be spending our energy on.

- Let's put our efforts and resources towards obtaining it. It's available, it just needs to be obtained.

Romans 8:31 "What shall we say? If God is for us? Who can be against us?"

Ephesians 1:5-6 "He predestined us for adoption to Himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will, to the praise of his glorious grace with which he has blessed us in the Beloved."

You are identified with Christ, you are one with Christ. The Father doesn't put _____ on Jesus, so He doesn't put it on you.

When we learn to keep our senses in submission we give _____ the right of way. Our senses are _____ every time to the way of love. When we do this we walk in fellowship with Christ.

1 John 1:3-6 READ

If we step out of love, we step out of light into darkness. When I step into darkness, I know not where I am going.

- If we break fellowship we can be restored.

1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Romans 8:1 "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

CHAPTER 20-WALKING AS MERE MEN

One of the saddest facts is men and women of God walking around as mere men.

1 Corinthians 3:1-4 "Dear brothers and sisters, when I was with you I couldn't talk to you as I would to spiritual people. I had to talk as though you belonged to this world or as though you were infants in Christ. I had to feed you with milk, not with solid food, because you weren't ready for anything stronger. And you still aren't ready, for you are still controlled by your sinful nature. You are jealous of one another and quarrel with each other. Doesn't that prove you are controlled by your sinful nature? Aren't you living like people of the world? When one of you says, "I am a follower of Paul," aren't you acting just like people of the world?"

We remain _____ when we don't grow in grace and study to show ourselves approved.

However, we can _____ our spirit just as we can develop our physical mind and muscles.

We must _____, _____ and _____.

As our spirit grows strong and _____ in the Word, faith becomes strong and love becomes like the Master's.

As long as we walk in the senses we remain unspiritual and walk as mere men.

Ephesians 4:1 "I therefore, ...urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."

Vs 7 But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift."

Vs 13-14 "Until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, SO that we may NO LONGER be children, tossed to and fro by the waves carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

Our goal is to grow into the _____ measure of Christ.

We no longer can talk about what we lack, because John 1:16 "For from His grace we have all received, GRACE UPON GRACE."

- We have to pull it down and put it on!
- In the mind of the Father you are complete is His _____!
- The ability of God within us is utterly limitless. Skies the Limit!

Phil 4:13 "I can do ALL things through Christ who gives me strength."

2 Corinthians 3:4-6 "Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, who has made us sufficient to be ministers of a new Covenant..."

When we allow the reality of the _____ of God come in, we stop following our sense knowledge and we receive His love and empowerment.

Hebrews 7:25 "Therefore He is able to also save forever (completely, perfectly, for eternity) those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to intercede and intervene on their behalf [with God]."

Jesus intercedes for you, with the Father. They _____ in making sure you make it and not just struggling, but overcoming like Jesus.

When we become _____ minded, sickness minded, failure minded, we have forgotten who we are, who we belong to and what we have access to and who the Father is.

God has not created _____ in the kingdom, but _____. "I am more than a conqueror in Christ Jesus."

We should study the Word that we might know what the _____ expects of us and what the _____ has a right to expect of us. We are a supernatural people.

Becoming a student of the Word we see the Father face to face. We have a standing invitation to the throne. "Come Boldly" It's our right to approach. (1 John 3:18-23)

We are ambassadors of Heaven.

Go back to **1 Cor. 3:2** Paul basically is saying, "I wish I could talk to you as men who realized who they were, what they were and what they could do but I cannot because you are living in the sense realm. These ones haven't grasped their UNITY with Deity.

They have been content to listen to the voices of men, to read the literature of men, but have ignored the literature of heaven, the voice of Him who raised Jesus from the dead.

These ones were being led by sense knowledge, not by God. Now their whole life is disfigured. (hearers and doers...verse hearers only)

"They have lost the consciousness of being what they are and when sickness comes, they are in a quandary, they don't know what to do and their hearts are filled with fear."

We run to God and hear heavens _____.

These Milk babies, (milk duds) have unconsciously relegated themselves to servant. Dependent upon other people, when the problem of faith comes, they talk about their unbelief and lack. They are spiritual _____. They have the ability of God, but they do not use it.

Hebrews 5:13 "For everyone who lives on milk is [doctrinally inexperienced and] unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a spiritual infant."

Believer trying to be a believer, no more than boy trying to be boy.

It is so important to study the Word to find out what kind of man you are, How the Father looks on you what the Father expects of you.

CHAPTER 21- BELIEVING IN HIS SUBSTITUTION

If we are as _____ of the things in the _____ realm as we are of the fact that we are New Creations with the life of the Father in us, then we would always be walking in victory.

DECREEE: *I am of God. I have the life of the Father in me. I am born from above. I am adopted into His family. I am a (son or daughter) of God. I have full access to the Father. I am a new creation. Satan has NO dominion over me. I am a master over everything connected with the old creation. The old creation has passed away. I am alive in Christ as a new creation. (READ ALOUD)*

The old man was a _____, the new man is a _____.

1 John 4:4 "Because greater is He that is in You than he that is in the world."

We have exchanged the old dead way for a new life giving way. We invited the One whom raised Jesus from the dead, to make His home in me, and He is there.

When we study the life of Jesus, when we look at His example we see He is fearless. Why? Because He knew he was the righteousness of God. He had no sense of sin and no sense of condemnation.

Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil, but then he bestows the _____ he _____ on the cross and gives it to us and _____ us to use it.

Jesus invited us in Hebrews 4:16 “ to come boldly before the throne”.

That is an invitation to go before the throne.... Not fearfully, but boldly, confidently. Not arrogantly, but solidified in our mind that we are allowed to be there, we are welcome to be there.

The Pauline Revelation is not a set of doctrines. It is just the Father speaking to us through Paul, unveiling what belongs to us in Christ.

Journal Entry: James 1:22-24, 1 Corinthians 3:2, Hebrews 5:12-14. Is there an area in your life that hasn't developed and your still drinking milk?

HOMEWORK: Journaling Exercise

Based on Phil 4:13 “I can do ALL things through Christ who gives me strength.” And Mark 9:23 “All things are possible to him that believes”.

- What does it look like in your life to be limitless?

AND/OR

Romans 8:1 “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”

- Is there an area in my life where I have allowed condemnation in?