**Repentance (To make an about face, spiritually)**

(Bible Study written by Ellen Lyon)

1. Read Heb. 11:6But without \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.
2. Read Matt. 18:3 Jesus said “And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.
3. Read Luke 24:45-49 Then opened He their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,

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

And that **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** (forgiveness) of sins should be preached in his **name** among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

And ye are witnesses of these things.

And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye (wait) in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be **endued with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** from on high.

1. Read Acts 2:36-39 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made the same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

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?

Then Peter said unto them, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**, 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.**

For the **promise** is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the LORD our God shall call.

1. Read Acts 3:19 **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 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.
2. Read Acts 5:31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** to Israel, and **forgiveness** of sins.

1. Read Acts 11:18 When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** unto life.
2. Read Acts 17:26-30 And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:

For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now **commandeth all men every where to** **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**:

1. Read Acts 20:19-21 Serving the LORD with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:

And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have showed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house,

Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

1. Read Acts 26:13-20 (Paul speaking on Mars Hill, giving his testimony) And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.

But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;

Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision: 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 **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** and **turn to God,** and do **works meet for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

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“The phrase “works meet for repentance” appears in Acts 26:20. In this context, “meet” comes from the Greek word “axios,” which means “deserving, comparable, or suitable-worthy.” Essentially, it emphasizes that our actions should align with genuine repentance. [When we’ve turned to God and received salvation, our deeds should reflect a transformed heart—a conscious decision to turn away from sin and live in a way that honors Him.](http://soulwinning.info/bd/acts_2620.htm) [Similarly, Matthew 3:8 encourages us to bear fruit consistent with repentance, demonstrating a change of heart through our actions.](https://biblehub.com/matthew/3-8.htm)”

11. Read Romans 2:3-4 And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?

Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?**

12. Why Do We Need to Repent? It is the first step in preparing our heart for God to come in!Let’s Read Romans 8:1-14

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify (subdue the body and or its needs and desires, by denying self/disciplining oneself) the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

For as many as are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_of God, they are the sons of God.

1. Do we need to use our mouth to ask God to forgive us? Yes or No

Read Romans 10:10

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_confession is made unto salvation.

Let’s pray a prayer of repentance out loud: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. I have done many things that have not pleased you in my flesh. Help me to not continue living a life that seeks to please my flesh, but seeks to please you. Please forgive me of all of the mistakes and failures I have done in my past. I purpose from now on to live a life that is holy, acceptable and pleasing to you. In Jesus’ name, Amen