

Great Words of the Gospel

Study 2 – Repentance

Text: Luke 15: 3-24

INTRODUCTION:

Anyone who has any doubts as to the importance of the doctrine of repentance needs only to read the solemn words of our Lord Jesus Christ recorded in *Luke 13:3*, “*I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.*”

I. WHAT REPENTANCE IS NOT.

- A. Conviction of sin is not repentance.
- B. Sorrow for sin is not repentance.
- C. Hatred of sin is not repentance.
- D. Promising to be better is not repentance.
- E. Turning from one sin is not repentance.

II. WHAT REPENTANCE IS.

- A. Repentance is a change of MIND.
- B. Repentance is a change of FEELING.
- C. Repentance is a change of PURPOSE.
- D. Repentance is a change of CONDUCT.

Repentance is a change of mind – an intellectual experience.

Repentance is a change of feeling --an emotional experience.

Repentance is a change of purpose – a volitional experience.

Repentance is a change of conduct – a moral experience.

Repentance is not one of these, but all of them together.

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III. HOW REPENTANCE IS BROUGHT ABOUT.

- A. Repentance is a Divine gift.
- B. The gift of repentance is bestowed through the preaching of the Gospel.
- C. The goodness of God leads to repentance.
- D. The sorrows of life bring people to repentance.
- E. The emptiness of life makes some repent.

IV. WHEN IS THE TIME TO REPENT?

NOW

Acts 17:30-31, “And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? 31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.”