

DOCTRINE OF CHRIST - HEBREWS 6:1-2
REPENTANCE FROM DEAD WORKS

I. WHERE IS MAN[MEN OF THIS KINGDOM]!

- A. **John 15:23** He who hates me hates my Father as well.
- B. **John 15:25** But this is to fulfill what is written in their Law: 'They hated me without reason.'
- C. **Romans 3:11** there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God.
- D. **Romans 8:7** the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.
- E. **Eccles. 8:11** When the sentence for a crime is not quickly carried out, the hearts of the people are filled with schemes to do wrong.
- F. **John 6:44** "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day."

II. WHAT IS MAN TO REPENT FROM? ACTS OF THE KINGDOM OF THIS WORLD!

- A. **Psalm 101:1-8** Of David. A psalms will sing of your love and justice; to you, O LORD, I will sing praise. ²I will be careful to lead a blameless life--when will you come to me? I will walk in my house with blameless heart. ³I will set before my eyes no vile thing. The deeds of faithless men I hate; they will not cling to me. ⁴Men of perverse heart shall be far from me; I will have nothing to do with evil. ⁵Whoever slanders his neighbor in secret, him will I put to silence; whoever has haughty eyes and a proud heart, him will I not endure. ⁶My eyes will be on the faithful in the land, that they may dwell with me; he whose walk is blameless will minister to me. ⁷No one who practices deceit will dwell in my house; no one who speaks falsely will stand in my presence. ⁸Every morning I will put to silence all the wicked in the land; I will cut off every evildoer from the city of the LORD.
 - 1. No wicked (without profit, worthless, naughty, destructive) thing before mine eyes.
 - 2. Hate work of them who turn aside
 - 3. I will know no evil
 - 4. Secretly slanders his neighbor
 - 5. Haughty look and an arrogant heart.
- B. **Romans 13:12-14** The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.
 - 1. Works of Darkness
 - 2. Rioting
 - 3. Drunkenness
 - 4. Sexual Promiscuity
 - 5. Strife
 - 6. Sensuality
 - 7. Jealousy
- C. **Colossians 1:21** Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior.
 - 1. Alienated and enemies in your mind.
- D. **2 Timothy -5** People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, ⁴treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God-- ⁵having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them.
 - 1. having a form of godliness but denying its power.

III. CAN I UNDERSTAND THESE TRANSGRESSION OR DEAD WORKS? YES!!

- A. In the beginning God gave one (1) commandment.
 - 1. **Genesis 2:16-17** And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."
 - a. Thou shalt not eat of it
 - 2. Result
 - a. Thou shalt surely die.
- B. What does God Say today?
 - 1. Ezekiel 18:4 The soul that sinneth, it shall die.
 - 2. Romans 1:1-13 If you live after the flesh, ye shall die
 - 3. Galatians 6:7-8 He that soweth to the flesh shall of flesh reap corruption.
 - 4. Romans 6:14-23 The end of those things is death .. for the wages of sin is death.
 - 5. 1 Corinthians 3:16-17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy.
 - 6. 2 Timothy 2:12 If any man deny Him, He also will deny him.

IV. HOW AM I, A PERSON OF THE WORLD, OR A BORN AGAIN CHRISTIAN, TEMPTED TO TRANSGRESS GODS WORD?

- A. Three ways, - 1 John 2:15-17 Lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, pride of life.
 - 1. Examples;
 - a. Lust of the flesh.
 - (A). Genesis 3:6 Good for food
 - (B). Matthew 4:3 Command that these stones be made bread
 - b. Lust of the eyes
 - (A). Genesis 3:6 Pleasant to the eyes
 - (B) Matthew 4:6 Cast thou self down [Christ in His answer is saying that He will not use His power for His bodily gain.]
 - c. Pride of life.
 - (A). Genesis 3:6 A tree to be desired to make one wise
 - (B). Matthew 4:9 All these things.

V. DOES GOD EXPECT SOMETHING OF US?? YES!!

- A. Titus 1:16 They confessed that they know God, but in **work** they deny Him.
- B. Ezekiel 33:31 They sit before thee as My people, and they hear Thy words, but they will not do them; for with their mouth they show much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness.

VI. WHAT DOES GOD EXPECT?? TURNING TO, and ENTERING THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

A. Repentance!

VII. HOW IMPORTANT IS REPENTANCE?

- A. Matthew 3rd Chapter - Preached by John the Baptist
- B. Matthew 4:17 Jesus began to preach, and say, REPENT
- C. Mark 6:12 And they [the twelve] went out, and preached that men should repent.
- D. Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, REPENT
- E. Acts 17:30 [Paul speaking on Mars' Hill] commandeth all men everywhere to REPENT.

VIII. WHAT IS REPENT?

- A. 1 Kings 8:33-36 Because they have sinned against thee, and shall turn again to thee.
- B. 2 Kings 17:13 Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes.
- C. Isaiah 31:6-7 Turn unto Him from whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted. For in that day every man shall cast away his idols of silver ...
- D. Acts 26:15-18 To turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God.
- E. 1 Thessalonians 1:9 How you turned to God from idols, to serve the living and true God.

IX. AND EXAMPLE OF REPENTANCE?

- A. **Luke 15:11-32** Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. ¹⁷**When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!'** ¹⁸I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.' ²⁰So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate. ²⁵Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ²⁷Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' ²⁸The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!' ³¹"My son," the father said, "you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."

... **I will arise and go to my Father ... and he arose, and came to his father.**

B. Where are YOU?

- 1. Luke 15:13 You are in a far country ... you are spending your substance with riotous living.
- 2. Luke 15:15 You have been joined to a citizen of this far country.
- 3. Who is this citizen?

a. John 8:44 ... and the lusts of your father will you do ...

C. What are you doing?

- 1. Luke 15:15 ... feed the swine ... [NOTE] there are no swine in your Father's house.
 - a. Swine #1. Romans 3:9 All under sin
 - b. Swine #2. Romans 7:14 I am carnal, sold under sin.
 - c. Swine #3. Galatians 4:3 ... were in bondage under the elements of the world.

D. What will be the result if you stay where you are?

- 1. Luke 15:17 ... I PERISH
- 2. Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death.

E. Who is your REAL FATHER?

- 1. Genesis 1:26-28 ... and God said ... God created man ... Blessed them ... Have dominion
- 2. John 4:23-24 ... God is a Spirit ...

F. What Happens if you go to your Father?

- 1. Luke 15:22 Bring forth the best robe ...
 - a. Isaiah 61:10 ... clothed me with the garments of salvation ... covered me with the robe of righteousness ...
 - b. Galatians 3:27 ... have put on Christ ...
 - c. Philippians 3:7-9 ... that I may win Christ and be found in Him ...
- 2. Luke 15:22 ... put a RING on his band ...
 - a. Esther 8:8 ... Write ye also for the Jews, AS IT LIKETH YOU, in the King's name, and with the King's ring; for the writing which is written in the King's name, and sealed with the king's ring, may no man reverse.
- 3. Luke 15:22 ... shoes on his feet ...
 - a. Ephesians 6:15 ... and your feet shod with preparation of the gospel of peace.

X. WHAT REPENTANCE IS NOT!

- A. Hebrews 12:16-17 He found no place of repentance, though he sought it with tears.
- B. Matthew 27:3 - 10 When he saw that he was condemned, ... repented ... went and hanged himself. [repentance must be from evil, but more than that, it must be towards God]

XI. IS THERE DANGER IN DELAY?

- A. Luke 19:41-44 Because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.
- B. Romans 13:12 Night is spent ... cast off the works of darkness.