

Repent or Perish! Pt. 3

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Luke 13:1-5 ESV

1 There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.

2 And he answered them, "**Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way?**

3 No, I tell you; but **unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.**

4 Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem?

5 No, I tell you; but **unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.**"

- *If it's true that without repentance we will perish, why isn't repentance taught more in the Church?*
- *Jesus teaches 2 different lessons by this conversation:*
 - *just because someone suffers affliction, does not mean they are being punished for sin*
 - *yet, these examples should remind us that judgment is coming, we must repent of our sins*

Psalm 32:1-11 ESV A Maskil of David.

1 **Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.**

2 **Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

- **We must be absolutely honest: no blame-shifting, no excuses, no rationalizations.**

1 John 1:5-10 ESV

5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

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

10 If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

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3 For **when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.**

4 For day and night **your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.** Selah

- **We cannot admit our sins with stoic indifference. We must be genuinely sorry.**
 - *Genuine repentance fueled by godly sorrow is a lost discipline in the American Church.*
 - *The only way to know the joy of forgiveness is through the sorrow of mourning.*
 - ***Worldly sorrow has a selfish indifference; unfeeling for the grief and offense to God's heart.***
 - ***Godly sorrow can sense the grief, betrayal and offense in God's heart.***

2 Samuel 12:13 ESV

13 David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die.

Psalm 38:17-18 ESV A Psalm of David

17 For I am ready to fall, and my pain is ever before me.

18 I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.

Psalm 34:18 ESV A Psalm of David

18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

Matthew 5:4 ESV

4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Psalm 30:5 ESV

5 For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

- **Godly sorrow comes from one source - the presence of God.**
 - The purity of God's holiness brings illumination and conviction.
 - You only feel the pain of those you are close and intimate with.

Luke 22:61-62 ESV

61 And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times."

62 And he went out and wept bitterly.

Genesis 3:8-10 ESV

8 And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

9 But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

10 And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself."

Isaiah 6:5 ESV

5 And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

Job 42:5-6 ESV

5 I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you;

6 therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

- **Godly sorrow and repentance are gifts that must be given by God, not forced by our efforts.**
 - If they don't hear, then they won't hear because they can't hear.

1 Corinthians 2:12 ESV

12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

1 Corinthians 2:14 ESV

14 The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

Zechariah 12:10 ESV

10 And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn.

Jeremiah 31:9 ESV

9 With weeping they shall come, and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back, I will make them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble, for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

2 Timothy 2:24-26 ESV

24 And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil,

25 correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth,

26 and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.

- **Genuine, godly sorrow is the catalyst and fuel for true change.**

- We still believe that sin holds some pleasure for us. We still have affections for it, flirt with it and dabble in it when we think it won't matter. We don't believe (really) that sin only brings suffering, destruction and death. Sin breaks our fellowship with God and obscures our view of Him.
- We need to treat sin as a despicable and dangerous enemy who must be destroyed.
- With no sorrow there will be no change because there is no desperation to seek God for cleansing.
- Godly sorrow develops a strategy to take the offensive against sin, knowing if sin gets you on the defensive, you will fall.

2 Corinthians 7:10-11 ESV

10 For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.

11 For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, but also what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what longing, what zeal, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves innocent in the matter.

Galatians 5:16 ESV

16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

Psalms 119:11 ESV

11 I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

1 Peter 2:11 ESV

11 Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

Matthew 5:29-30 ESV

29 If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell.

30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

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5 I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah

- **The only hope for our sins is God's forgiveness, which He demonstrated by sending Jesus to die in our place.**
 - *We can neither offset nor pay back our sins by doing good deeds.*

Titus 3:4-6 ESV

4 But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,

5 he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,

6 whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

Psalm 51:16-17 ESV

16 For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

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