

## **The Gospel and Personal Evangelism: Response**

Ezekiel 18:1-32

God — Man — Christ — **Response**

### **The Untruth: The Proverb (v.1-3)**

#### **Truth #1: All souls are the LORD's. (v.4)**

Romans 14:12 – [12] *So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.*

#### **Truth #2: The soul that sins shall die. (v.5-20)**

#### **Truth #3: Repentance is the key. (v.21-24)**

- What does repentance look like?

- 1) Repentance involves a change of direction.
- 2) Repentance involves a change of mind.
- 3) Repentance involves sorrow over sin.

“Repentance is a discovery of the evil of sin, a mourning that we have committed it, a resolution to forsake it. It is, in fact, a change of mind of a very deep and practical character, which makes the man love what once he hated, and hate what once he loved.” – Charles Spurgeon

- What does repentance do?

- 1) Repentance wipes out the past.
- 2) Repentance perpetually marks your present.

“Repentance means turning from as much as you know of your sin to give as much as you know of yourself to as much as you know of your God, and as our knowledge grows at these three points so our practice of repentance has to be enlarged.” – J.I. Packer

3) Repentance guards our future.

1 Corinthians 10:12 – [12] *Let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.*

**Truth #4: God is entirely just. (v.25-29)**

Deuteronomy 24:16 – [16] *Fathers shall not be put to death because of their children, nor shall children be put to death because of their fathers. Each one shall be put to death for his own sin.*

Romans 3:23-26 – [23] *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, [24] and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, [25] whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. [26] It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.*

**Truth #5: The heart of God longs for sinners to repent and place their faith in Jesus. (v.30-32)**

Mark 1:14-15 – [14] *Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, [15] and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."*

Luke 15:7 - [7] *Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.*

**The Gospel and Personal Evangelism Series Application...**

- 1) Be a regular repentor.
- 2) Don't stop short of calling people to respond to the gospel with repentance and faith.
- 3) Rehearse the gospel to yourself in preparation to share it with others.
- 4) Ask God to put across your path people who are open to the gospel.