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## Biblical Repentance

### *Matthew 27:1-13*

- The priests and elders take Jesus to Pilate, unwittingly fulfilling God's eternal plan for the redemption of His people.

### Judas Changes His Mind

- Did Judas repent of his sin?
- "To think differently about."

### The Fruit of Biblical Repentance

- Repentance involves the change of mind that is produced by a change of heart about any particular sinful activity. This will always result in a change of moral behavior.

*Luke 3:8 ...Bring forth fruit in keeping with repentance...*

*Acts 3:19 ...Repent therefore, and turn...*

**Rev. 2:5** ...repent, and do the works you did at first...

- The purpose of repentance is the undoing of any sinful behavior in favor of a behavior that bears fruit for God.

**Col 1:10** ...to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work...

**John 15:8** By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples...

**Gal 5:22-23** ...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control...

- This is the fruit that displays the glory of God's unique love for us in Christ.
- This is the fruit that evangelizes the world and matures each of us individually and corporately (John 3:16 is seen in 13:34).

## The Necessity of Repentance

**Rom.2:4** ...God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance...

- Biblical repentance is the loving work of God's Spirit in us as to our salvation and the continuing of His love as to our sanctification.

**Mark 1:1, 5** *The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God... 5 Jesus told the crowds, "The time has come...The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"*

- We cannot be saved without repentance.

**Luke 13:5** *Jesus told the crowd ...unless you repent, you will all likewise perish...*

## The Godly Grief of Repentance

- Biblical repentance involves a change of mind *about God*. Biblical repentance recognizes that God is always the target of our sin.
- Every sin is offensive to God because it dishonors His Name, repudiates God's love and slanders the death of Christ on our behalf.
- Biblical repentance says that God's loving grace (Rom. 2:4) in Christ for us is greater than all our sin (Rom. 5:20).
- It is for God because its fruit is for God's glory (John 15:8).
- Biblical repentance is generated in us by God as the Spirit convicts us of sin (John 16:8), without which there can be no repentance.

**2 Tim 2:25-26** God may perhaps **grant them repentance** leading to a knowledge of the truth, 26 and they may escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will...

- This conviction is the recognition that God is the Divine Target of our every sin.

**Acts 20:21** ...repentance toward God...

**Ps 51:4** Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight...

**2 Cor 7:10** For Godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death...