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Spurious Repentance

2 Corinthians 7:10

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

- This grief has to do with how our sin affects us or even perhaps another, without having God as its focus.
- Judas was filled with grief when he realized that Jesus would be put to death. So he changed his mind.

Matt. 27:5 ...he went out and hanged himself...

- After Peter's denial, God granted Peter the grace of repentance (2 Tim. 2:25).
- This issue of God granting is the Personal prerogative of the exercise of God's Sovereignty:

John 5:26 For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself...

John 6:65 ...no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father...

Acts 11:18 ...to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life...

Eph 3:16 ...that [God] would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man...

Luke 22:31-32 Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, 32 but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again [repented], strengthen your brothers...

- Since Jesus' praying for Peter granted him the gift of repentance, why didn't Jesus pray for Judas? Jesus knew the will of God in relation to both men and prayed according to that will.

John 6:64 But there are some of you [Judas and others] who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning [Gen. 1:1; Eph. 1:4] who they were who did not believe, and who it was that would betray Him...

John 10:26 ...you do not believe because you are not my sheep...

Acts 5:31 [Jesus] is the One Whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins...

- Jesus' prerogative of granting repentance is an exercise of Jesus' Royal authority.

Matt. 28:18 ...all authority has been given to Me...

- Judas was not restored because it was not the Father's will while it was His will to restore Peter.

John 6:65 This is why I told you that no one can come to Me [through repentance and faith] unless it is granted him by the Father

- This does not mean that Judas was once saved then lost his salvation>>

John 6:70 ...one of you is [his eternal position] a devil...

John 17:12 None has been lost except the son of destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled

- How can we explain this? The answer is found in the Scriptures.

Rom 11:33 Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

Deut. 29:29 The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us...

Is. 55:8-9 *For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts*

Col 1:15-20 *[Christ] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross...2:3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge...9 For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, 10 ...who is the head of all rule and authority...*