

The Way - Part 2 Repentance

John 14:6 (KJV)

Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way**, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Matthew 7:13-14 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

There's only this ONE salvation message - and I want to make sure that you know "**The Way**"

GOSPEL = GOOD NEWS

Anglo-Saxon word "gospel" means "god-message" or "good story"

1. So, we use the word **good news**, but its more than that because it's a circular word, it became known as a circular response.
 - A. The good news is delivered, and you respond to the good news, and until you respond to the good news you don't have a gospel.
 - B. Until you respond, that's where the personal part comes in, when you chose to respond to what Gods made available.
 - C. And the when you respond, the minute you obey the gospel, all the power of the gospel comes to bear on your life and you become a child of God and that's when it becomes the gospel in your life.

The gospel doesn't become good news until you experience it for yourself and allow it to change and transform you!

Isaiah 55:6 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith 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.

10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void (empty, ineffectual, vain), but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Greek word “euaggelion” (u on gay leon)

1. We usually say that someone saying Jesus died for your sins means “a present given to one who brought good tidings”

There are 3 very important components to the salvation of this gospel message:

1 John 5:8 (KJV)

8 And there are **three** that bear witness in earth, the **Spirit**, and the **water**, and the **blood**: and these three agree in one.

1. Spirit, water, and the blood, these three **agree in one**
 - A. You can't pick, well I'm just going to experience that part of salvation
2. There are three elements that work together to save us and you need all three.
3. There are three parts in Salvation
 - A. Don't you let any: Preacher, Neighbor, or Friend cheat you out of all that God has for you.
 - B. Please don't let your prior religious background, or your heritage, **cheat you** out of everything that God has for you.
 - a. Because the Bible says **these three**: The Spirit, the water, and the blood they **agree in one**.

Everyone Say “The Way”

THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY, ONLY ONE TRUE SALVATION!

We see these three elements in scripture:

<u>Plan</u>	<u>Israel</u>	<u>Tabernacle Plan</u>	<u>Salvation</u>
The Blood	Blood on the Doorpost	Brazen Alter	Death
The Water	Red Sea	Brazen Laver	Burial
The Spirit	Pillar of Cloud and fire	Ark of the Covenant	Resurrection

The way we escape from sin in the new testament is blood, water, and spirit

Heb 2:1 Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let *them* slip.

Heb 2:2 For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward;

Heb 2:3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard *him*;

Heb 2:4 God also bearing *them* witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

Israel

A. 1 Corinthians 10:1-2 (KJV)

1 Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;

2 And were all **baptized** unto Moses in the **cloud** and in the sea;

a. Cloud – Spirit baptism Sea – Water baptism

i. It was blood, water, and spirit, do you wonder why we preach that?

ii. It's because its all the way through your bible.

b. It's the message the preached in the original church

1. That you need to experience the blood of Calvary cleansing your sins,

2. You need to be baptized in the name of Jesus (the water) it blots out your sin,

3. Then you need that pillar of cloud and fire (the Holy Ghost) to lead you and guide you the rest of your life.

c. He's not saying he is a way, He is saying I am **the way**, the **only way**.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4 (KJV)

- 1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the **gospel** which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;
- 2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.
- 3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ **died** for our sins according to the scriptures;
- 4 And that he was **buried**, and that he **rose again** the third day according to the scriptures:

- a. Here's what the bible says is the gospel
- b. You can believe in vain.

That is the gospel: the death, the burial, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ

There are three elements that **must be done**

Acts 2:38 (KJV)

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent (Death), and be baptized (Burial) every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost (Resurrection).

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Repentance:

If you have repented of your sins, please don't just say I've already done that because that's not all - Because these three agree in one

- A. I'm thankful:
 - a. If you've repented
 - b. If you've asked Jesus to forgive you of your sins
 - c. If you've asked God to come into your heart
 - i. **I'm so thankful** You are already on such a great journey
 - ii. **But please don't stop there because these three are one**

- B. Next you need to be baptized

If you can't remember how you were baptized you owe it to yourself - it's your eternity, to make sure you do it right.

Because I'm your friend and I want you to go to heaven

- i. More than I want you to like me
- ii. Or More than I want you to attend this local church
- iii. I want you to go to heaven

I have to stand here and tell you, you need to be baptized today, there is no delayed baptisms in the bible.

It's His name:

- a. That puts us in covenant
 - b. That remits us of our sins
- C. The next step is you need to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost
- a. Just ask for it
 - b. Then believe for it
 - c. Then worship God for it
 - d. And He will do it.

I want to be a part of the people of **The Way**

I want to follow after the biblical principles.

I understand there are not many ways to get to heaven.

You said it's going to be easy, if I will just listen,

You said it's going to be easy, if I will just obey,

You said it's going to be simple if I just heed,

- a. Even if I don't have much intelligence, I can walk in this way.
- b. I want to heed to your word today God

It doesn't matter what people call me or what I have to go through, I want to be a part of the body of Christ

a. I understand that I cant:

- i. tweak it
- ii. modify it

- i. or water it down

- ii. I want it to be the original gospel!!!

Repentance:

You may say "Well I feel God when I go to church"

You must remember "You're an eternal soul and you are going somewhere"

So, I owe it to you today to tell you that your first step is this thing called **repentance**

1. The reason you must repent is because you have a **sinful nature**
2. You have committed sinful acts that have offended God

Penance: isn't a bible word, or a bible concept,

- a. (where you go tell someone what you did wrong and they tell you how to balance out your bad acts with good acts.)
- b. It's not biblical!!

Repentance: is when you ask God to forgive you of your sins

1. In case you think you can do enough good
2. Or you can be a good enough person to balance out the bad things you've done

Here's what the bible says:

Isaiah 64:6 (KJV)

6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away (From God).

No matter how Good of a person you are, or how religious of a person you are no matter how many times you have attended this church or another

If you haven't repented, **you have to repent!!**

You have to repent

1. Or God can't let you into Heaven
2. It's essential.
3. It was the first words of Jesus public ministry - He said:

Luke 13:3 (KJV) I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

- a. Well God loves everybody, Yes!!, He does and that's why he tells us to repent!!
- b. He loves us enough that he wants us to turn from the sin that is killing us
- c. Turn from the sin that is keeping us out of His Kingdom

Repentance is powerful

1. Some of you in this church you've got friends they've never been baptized, they've never yet spoken in tongues, but you can tell they've had a major change in their life.
 - a. That's wonderful
 - b. They're not all the way there yet but they have experienced something undeniable – repentance.

That's because Repentance in and of itself is powerful

1. But listen to me ladies and gentlemen, brothers and sisters
 - a. Repentance is not a dead end

- b. It's not a stop sign
- c. it's not a conclusion
- d. It's not the whole package
 - i. Its powerful but it's your **first step**

A. If you go to the Bible:

a. Repentance

Greek word "**metanoia**" means - "an inner change of attitude leading to an outward change of behavior" - You'll live different

John the Baptist said -

Matthew 3:8 (KJV)

8 Bring forth therefore **fruits** meet for **repentance**:

- 1. He said if you've really repented you won't keep doing the stuff you used to do
- 2. If you've really repented, you won't just attend church
- 3. If you've really repented, you'll start a new life

A. In the Old Testament the Hebrew word for Repentance:

a. Hebrew word "**shub**"

- 1. Shub is found 1,000 times in the Old Testament
- 2. It's used 164 times in a covenant sense
- 3. **means** "turning way from a previous life" or "**destroy the house**"

b. **Example:** It's how they used to invade a city and burn everything to the ground

B. Here's how you need to repent:

- 1. You need to say "I'm never going back to that old behavior"
- 2. I'm never going back to that old life
 - a. that's true repentance

C. If you have nothing left to go back to it will be so much easier to serve God

- 1. I'm talking about your behaviors, sins, that have put distance between you and God you've got to say, "**I'm never going back there**"

2 Corinthians 7:9-11 (KJV)

9 Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry (people are sorry when they get caught), but that ye sorrowed to repentance (I am happy that you were sorry enough that you repented): for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing (We didn't hurt you, we actually helped you).

10 For godly sorrow (When you get sorry for your sins)(when you get tired of your life)(if you will turn to God and say Please forgive me and turn away and give your life to Him) (Paul says that kind of sorrow) worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the

world worketh death (you get sorry and then Monday comes) (But this repentance it changes you).

11 For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what **vehement desire**, yea, what **zeal**, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.

1. He lists all these things that it (Repentance) does to us:
 - a. It makes you:
 - i. Careful
 - ii. Zealous,
 - iii. Annoyed to the sin that used to bind you
 - iv. Gives you a vehement (intense, or passionate) desire to live for God
 - v. Gives you zeal
 - vi. Makes you take revenge on the devil for all stuff that he did to you
2. We've defined repentance too many times by what we feel

I'm glad we can feel something

I'm glad we can feel sorry and weep tears (that's perfect and beautiful), and it shows the depth of our sorrow that we have offended God

But you can come to an altar, like this altar and you can cry tears and **leave here unchanged**

Because repentance has little to do with **how you feel** and everything to do with **what you're going to do from right now**

3. That's why repentance means **destroy the house**.
 - a. I'm so angry at the devil
 - b. I'm so tired of being bound
 - c. I'm going to destroy the house so there is **nothing to go back too**
 - d. I'm done with the devil
 - e. I'm done with Sin
 - f. I'm done with bondage
 - g. I'm done with addiction
4. Repentance means to walk away and leave the smoldering ashes of sin behind in the distance
5. Repentance means goodbye to sin

When I'm repenting I'm applying the death of Jesus

Romans 6:6-7 (KJV)

6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be **destroyed**, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

7 For he that is dead (We die to sin when we repent) is freed from sin.

1. Remember He **died**, was **buried** and he **rose again**

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a. I'm applying the death

b. That's what repentance does, it destroys that sin that had you bound

Someone here needs

1. Not another sermon

2. Not another feeling

3. Not another prayer

a. You need to make the choice to repent

1 Corinthians 15:31 I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

Psalm 139:23

Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

Psalm 51:10

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

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