

INTRODUCTION

1. Lk 24:44-47 The Word of God reveals the person & work of the incarnate Son of God. Delving into v47. Need HS to open our minds
 - i. Creator is not at war w/ creation, but w/ sin: salvation.
 - ii. Surveyed message of forgiveness thru Bible. Define *repentance*

1st: Repentance is Given to Us in Regeneration

1. Opening our minds [v45] an aspect of what HS does in regen [Jn 3]. Union w/ resurrected Jesus - expressed in faith & repentance.
2. Recent PM studies - repentant belief & contrite faith.

2nd: Repentance is Our Responsibility

1. HS does not repent for us. Gospel summons us to repent - Acts 17:30
 - i. *declaring* [NASB] = *commands* [ESV]; *demands* [NAB] - an announcement w/ authority that req's compliant response; King's edict
 - ii. We Post-Mods recoil at "authority".
2. Gospel declares God's grace while holding us responsible for message. Serious either-or: life or death.

3rd: Repentance is Experienced Intellectually

1. NT [metanoeo]: change of the moral basis of knowledge - resulting after regeneration w/ emph on the mind; way of thinking of self & world.
 - i. Repentance is integral to man's consciousness in relation to God. The mind is ethically conditioned. Think rightly: true & good.
 - ii. R 12:2 - mind is essential to *proving* God's will.
2. NT [epistrophe] - OT *return* = 180 degree about-face. I Th 1:9.
3. Conversion = obedience to the 1st commandment.

4th: Repentance is Experienced Emotionally

1. Another challenge for Post-Mods. Emotions are determined by the mind - 1C 13:6. What heart loves, mind contemplates & emotions enjoy. All depends on the moral character of one's love - a function of faith, trust.

2. Ezek 36 - salvation promised & experienced w/ repentance - v31!
3. 2C 7:9-11 some emotion is superficial; repentance -> real change.

5th: Repentance is Experienced Volitionally

1. We repent purposefully, intentionally - w/ resolve.
 - i. Ps 119:30 *I have chosen*
 - ii. Ps 119:59 *I turned my feet*
 - iii. Ps 119:101 restrained sin in order to obey God
 - iv. Ps 119:128 esteems God's precepts & hates every false way
 - v. Ps 119:173 *I have chosen Thy precepts*
2. Repentance is experienced in every faculty of the inner man.

6th: Repentance is Experienced Practically

1. Repentance evidences itself in actions.
2. Mat 3:8 JnB not bapt w/o fruit of repent
3. Acts 26:20 performing deeds of repentance
4. Eph 4:28 VIIIth - *him who steals*.
 - i. *must steal no longer* - stop stealing
 - ii. *rather* = displace w/ *honest work* [NAB] & *share* - stop taking the fruit of another's labor & do honest work; stop taking & start giving.

Applic #1: Let Us Not Settle for Partial Repentance.

1. Shorter Catechism Question #87
2. Identify your sin of preference - repent! Thoroughly - evidence fruit.

Applic #2: Let Us Not Summon Men to Partial Repentance

1. Acts 26:20 "I'm sorry" is not repentance.
2. Let us exemplify repentance & call others to repent in view of the promise of forgiveness of sin! AMEN