



## REPENTANCE (Part 4)

Repentance Is God's Goodness

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In this lesson you will learn that repentance is a good word. This lesson is to help you repent personally and also to help others repent. Repentance is to change your mind, heart, purpose, and attitude; to take you off the pathway of destruction and move you onto the pathway of blessing.

### I. Repentance is God's goodness.

A. Romans 2:4 - "Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?" It is God's goodness that leads us to repentances, and when we repent we are led into God's goodness.

B. 2 Peter 3:9 - "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."

### II. Example of repentance - Luke 19:1-10.

A. Zacchaeus was a tax collector and was rich because he had overcharged and cheated people.

B. He went to see Jesus and Jesus told Zacchaeus He was going to come to his house. Then the people complained that Zacchaeus was a sinner.

C. Zacchaeus repented of his cheating and said he was going to give half of his goods to the poor and anything he took by false accusation he would restore fourfold.

### III. Repentance is for not only for the unsaved but also for the saved.

A. Revelation 2:4-5 - Jesus said this to the church leaders, "Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love." (Your first love is a passionate desire for Jesus.) Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, **or else** I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place - unless you repent."

B. Revelation 2:18-23 - Jesus said the things He had against them were allowing the Jezebel spirit of sexual immorality and idol worship to enter their lives, and when He gave them time to repent they didn't.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Share an experience of how the goodness of God has led you to repentance.
- Have you lost your first love or do you have a passionate desire for Jesus?
- What do you endorse in your home and life? Do you need to repent of allowing a mixture to come into your life?

## BE A DOER OF THE WORD

This week evaluate your life in regard to Revelation 2:4 and ask yourself if you need to make changes in your life and repent of losing your first love.

## SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE

Romans 2:4 - "The goodness of God leads you to repentance."