

**INTRODUCTION: REPENTANCE IS ESSENTIAL TO SALVATION!** (Mk.1:4,15; 6:12; Acts 17:30; see Lk.13:3,5; Rev.2:5,22)

## **I. TRUTHS OF REPENTANCE**

### **A. DEFINITIONS**

1. *turn around* (OT; Ezk.39:2; see Acts 3:19)
2. *old/new mindset* (NT; Mt.3:2,8; see Rom.8:5f; 12:2; Eph.4:23,24; Jer.4:28)

### **B. REPENT & BELIEVE** (Mk.1:15; see Acts 19:4; 20:21; Heb.6:1)

### **C. REPENT FROM & REPENT TO** (i.e., turn around, new (vs. old) mindset; see A. above)

1. *from lost to found* (Lk.15:7,17; see Col.1:13; Acts 26:18)
2. *from our sin to His righteousness* (2Cor.5:21; see Rom.3:22,23)
3. *from dead idols to the living God* (1Th.1:9; see Rom.1:23f)
4. *from moral defilement to spiritual holiness* (1Cor.6:9-11; see 1Pt.2:5,9)
5. *from dead works to Spiritual fruit* (Heb.6:1; 9:14; see Mt.3:8; Acts 26:20; Gal.5:19f&22f; 6:8; Is.1:16&17)
6. *from fear of death to confidence of life* (Heb.2:15f; Rom.5:10)
7. *note: from cup to bread* (1Cor.11:24f; see Mt.26:28; Heb.5:8f)

### **D. PUT OFF & PUT ON** (Eph.4:23(22f); 25f; Col.1:13; 2:12; 2:20(3:1); 3:9,10; 3:5f,12f)

### **E. MOTIVATIONS TO REPENTANCE**

1. *from: the offensiveness of our sins to God and to us* (Eph2:1f; Ezk20:43; 36:31; Rom6:21; see 2Cor7:10)
2. *to: the attraction of Christ's righteousness to God and to us* (Ps.27:4; 50:2; 96:6; Phil.3:8f)

### **F. AN ESSENTIAL MEANS TO FORGIVENESS** (Mk.1:15; Lk.3:3; (13:3,5); 17:3; 24:47; Acts 2:38; see Joel 2:12,13; Is.55:7)

## **II. ZACCHEUS: AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF REPENTANCE** (Lk.19:1-10; 15:7; Eph.4:28; see Ex.21:34f; 22:3f; Lev.5:16; 6:5; Num.5:7f; 2Sam.12:6)

## **III. CONSEQUENCES OF THE TRUTHS OF REPENTANCE**

### **A. ASK GOD FOR HIS GIFT OF REPENTANCE AND GIVE THANKS!** (Acts 11:18; Jer.31:18f; Lk.11:13; see 1Cor.4:7; Ps.80:3,7,(14),19; see Col.1:13; 2:12,etc.; 3:9,10; Lk.19:5f)

### **B. REPENT FROM YOUR SINS, BELIEVE IN CHRIST'S RIGHTEOUSNESS AND BE SAVED!** (Mk.1:15; Acts 2:38; Ezk.18:32)

### **C. TURN AROUND NOW, BEFORE YOU RUN INTO HELL!** (Rom.2:4; Joel 2:12,13; see 2Chr.36:16)

### **D. REPENT IN WORD AND IN DEED!** (Mt.3:6f; 1Jn.1:9; 2Cor.7:10; see Lk.19:8)

### **E. REPENT FROM PARTICULAR SINS PARTICULARLY!** (vs. penance; Lk.19:8; Eph.4:25f)

### **F. REPENT FROM PRIVATE SINS PRIVATELY AND PUBLIC SINS PUBLICLY!** (Mt.5:23f(Lk.15:18f; Ps.51:4); 18:15f; Jms.5:16)

### **G. GIVE HELP WITH REPENTANCE WHEN NEEDED, YET WITH PREPARATION, HUMILITY, PATIENCE AND READINESS TO FORGIVE!** (Mt.18:15f; Lk.17:3,4; 2Cor.2:7; see Mt.7:5; Gal.6:1)

### **H. GET HELP WITH REPENTANCE WHEN YOU NEED IT!** (Mt.5:23f; Jms.5:16; see Gal.6:2)

### **I. REPENT AND LIVE!** (Ezk.18:31,32; Mk.1:15; see Acts 2:38; 1Cor.11:23f; see Col.1:13; 2:12; 3:5f)