

THE FATHER AND HIS TWO LOST SONS, PART 2

Luke 15:11-24

I. THE NATURE OF SIN *Luke 15:11-16*

II. THE NATURE OF REPENTANCE *Luke 15:17-20*

A. Repentance Is a Coming to Our _____

We repent when we realize the _____ of cutting ourselves off from God, the source of all good

B. Repentance Is a Turning from Autonomy to _____

1) In the OT, “repent” is a synonym for _____ or _____

2) The NT put this idea in the mental realm: “repent” means “to change the _____

3) Repentance involves a _____ turning: to turn from sin and self-rule and turn to God’s way

C. Repentance Results in _____

Often _____ causes us to forget decisions by the time we can do something about them

D. Repentance Often Involves _____

1) He did not _____; rather he confessed, “I have sinned; what I did was wrong.”

2) He _____ his confession; many make matters worse when they don’t know what to say

3) He did not use his confession as a way to try to avoid the _____ of what he had done

III. THE NATURE OF GOD (“GOD IS LOVE”) *Luke 15:21-24*

A. God’s Love Is _____

1) Before the younger son decided to repent, the father’s _____ yearned for him to return

2) Before the son saw the father, the father saw him and had compassion: reminds of _____

3) Before the son walked to the house, the father ran to him, an act below his _____

4) Before the son could bow and beg before his father, his father _____ his neck and kissed him

5) Before the son could complete his _____, his father fully reinstated him as his son

B. God’s Love Is _____

1) The father did not _____ his son; he could have killed his son rather than the fatted calf

2) The father did not lecture or _____ his younger son; he said not one negative word to him

3) The father did not put the younger son on _____ : “There must be consequences!”

C. God’s Love Is _____

1) The robe speaks of the perfect justifying _____ of Jesus Christ that is ours in salvation

2) The ring symbolizes _____ —probably a signet ring that gave the son his father’s authority

3) The sandals represent the spiritual _____ that God bestows on believers when He saves us

4) The fatted calf and the merrymaking with the community speak of God’s _____ in those He saves

WHAT IS THE MISSING PART OF THE EQUATION? _____