

# “Repent Or You Will All Likewise Perish”

## Do You – And We – Have A Right Relationship With God?

Luke 13:1-5

On the day after a disaster, people always ask the same unanswerable questions. Who is to blame for what happened? Why did God allow it? What did the victims do to deserve such terrible suffering? The same concerns came to Jesus, who directly challenged his hearers to alter the framework of their question. It's should not be “why did God do this to them,” but “why has God spared me to this point?” A holy God is severe toward those who have fallen, but kind to you, provided you continue in his kindness (Rom 11:22).

### I. A Terrible \_\_\_\_\_: Why did God let this happen? (v 1-2)

1. Pontius Pilate was the FIFTH Roman prefect of Judea from A.D. 26-36.
2. Jesus is told HORRIFIC news about Galileans, leading to meditation on TRAGEDY.
3. Do people DESERVE either human or natural disasters? Define MERCY and MERIT.

### II. A Tragic \_\_\_\_\_: Are there better or \_\_\_\_\_ sinners? (v 4)

1. Jesus says \_\_\_\_! The crushing of these bystanders is \_\_\_\_\_ to all sinners.
2. Note the parallel words: “worse sinners” (v 2) and “worse \_\_\_\_\_” (v 4).
3. A tragedy should make us \_\_\_\_\_: “All have sinned and fall short of God’s glory [consequence?] and are justified by his grace as a gift through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a \_\_\_\_\_ by his blood” (Rom 3:23).

### III. A Total \_\_\_\_\_: Have you made the \_\_\_\_\_ question personal? (v 3-4)

1. Consider your \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ before the Word of God.
2. Don’t \_\_\_\_\_ away from the horrific truth of original sin. We fell \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Embrace the difficult doctrine of \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ . \_\_\_\_\_ to repent!

### IV. A Thoughtful \_\_\_\_\_: practice serious, systematic, sustained repentance (v 3, 5)

1. Faith and repentance are “\_\_\_\_\_ graces.” Receive and RESPOND!
2. The message of God’s mercy \_\_\_\_\_ the high standards of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. In this life or the life to come unbelievers will \_\_\_\_\_. Let God be \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Turn from your \_\_\_\_\_ and flee quickly to God’s \_\_\_\_\_ for sinners.