

God Commands Repentance (Part 3)

Acts 17:30-31

Does Not Remove Temporal Consequences

- Convicted murderer does not escape death penalty. **Acts 25:11**
- Convicted thief does not escape "due reward." **Luke 23:40-43**
- Convicted prodigal does not regain wasted money. **Luke 15:13**
- Convicted adulterer not free to continue adultery. **Matthew 19:9**

What Produces Repentance?

- **Bible preaching.** cf. **Jonah 3:1-2**
– "Preach the preaching that I bid thee." cf. **Luke 11:32**
- **The goodness of God.** **Romans 2:4**
- **The judgment to come.** **Acts 17:30-31**
- **Godly sorrow.** **2 Corinthians 7:10**; cf. **Matthew 26:69-27:5**

Fruits of Repentance- "For behold ..." **2 Corinthians 7:11**

- **Earnest care** – Haste (with care) to correct sin
- **Clearing** – Diligent change answered critics
- **Indignation** – Displeasure over previous sin
- **Fear** – Dread of not pleasing God
- **Longing** – Earnest desire to do & be right

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- **Zeal** – Fervent spirit, not apathetic neglect
- **Avenging** – Sin no longer tolerated
- **Approved yourselves to be pure** – Pure in the matter

Efforts to Avoid Repentance

- Deny the existence of sin.
- Deny personal guilt. **1 Samuel 15:13,15**
- Transfer responsibility for sin. **Ezekiel 18:20**
- Cover up sin. **2 Samuel 11**
- Harm those who expose sin. **Matthew 14**; **Mark 6**; cf. **Galatians 4:16**

God's Solution To Sin

*Acts 2:38, "Repent ye, and
be baptized every one of
you in the name of Jesus
Christ unto the remission
of your sins ..."*