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A MINISTRY FOR ALL NATIONS



REPENT AND CONVERT

Acts 3:19

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

Repent – To feel such regret for previous behavior as to change one's mind about it.

Convert – To change from one use, function, or purpose to another.

Repentance and conversion is something we should do on a daily basis. Many times people think because they have received Jesus as Lord, they no longer need to repent or convert. Sin does not always need to be acted out, but it can be thought out. If it stays in the mind long enough, it will be carried out.

Whether we realize we have sinned or not, we should still repent to keep our spirit free. Asking God to cleanse us from known and unknown sin.

If we keep a repenting heart, we're admitting to ourselves as well as Satan without Jesus we can't do nothing on our own, but with His help there is nothing we can't conquer.

We error sometimes because we feel as though we've arrived and sin will no longer influence us, and we can do it on our own, but if Jesus is not the focus, if we aren't depending on Him, we can easily trip and fall and can't get back up. Many anointed ministers have lost the anointing because it was no longer Jesus, but them, and God will give His glory to no one. When we keep a repenting heart, this will eliminate the spirit of pride from coming in. We would change from our agenda to God's agenda, that's being converted to His way, His will. Peter was one of the disciples that went with Jesus when He was transfigured. Peter was with Jesus when Jarius daughter was brought back to life. Peter was anointed to lay hands, once done, demonic spirits, sickness and diseases would leave the person's body. Although he had did all this prior to Jesus' ascension, Jesus told Peter, once he's converted to strengthen his brother.

There was an area Peter hadn't given totally to the Lord, there was an area where Peter needed to come up to in Christ, if it had not been, Jesus wouldn't have told him to be converted. Conversion comes about when we make up our minds that it will no longer be us, but it will be the Christ that lives in us.

Doctrinal error has caused many to believe that "once you're saved always saved", if this was true, there wouldn't be a need to repent, but because we're human, and we're living in a world of sin, repentance should be in our mouth and hearts daily. Because what may not be sin to us, could be sin to God. God has given us instructions to follow to ensure that we live our lives according to His laws and not ours. Salvation comes to everyone that believes, but once we receive Salvation there must be a conversion, there must be a submission to God's word. Through Jesus we have Grace, but Grace does not give us the freedom to continue in sin. There should be a stopping point if we really have Jesus abiding

in us. According to the word of God **“If we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of truth, there remaineth no more sacrifices for sin”**.

After we have been taught the truth and we don't adjust our lives according to the word of God then we're held responsible for rejecting the word of God.

Throughout the Bible we're told what to do and what not to do. A blessing when we obey and a curse when we disobey. God has instructed us how to receive His blessings, its not a catch me if you can, but He has given us everything we will ever need to receive His promises.

Saints of God we can't live according to the world standards, and expect to receive God's blessings. What's in the inside will reflect on the outside. What's in the heart will come out the mouth, what's in your spirit will manifest in your character. Christ like is not because we say we're Christians, nor is it because we wear crosses and carry big bibles. A true Christian represents love unconditional. A true Christian is one that does not have a mask: One for home, work, school and the church.

In order to live according to God's word its, work. It's a full-time job, and we clock in when He so graciously have us to wake up each day. Through out the day we're on His time clock. We should check ourselves daily to see if we're really giving Him the time He desires from us.

God's desire is for everyone to be saved, but He will not force Himself on anyone. When we really fall in love with God, we will do whatever it takes to please Him.

When is the last time you asked God, if there were an area in your life you haven't fully submitted? When was the last time you knew you spoke harshly to someone or pointed the finger and you asked God to forgive you as well as the individual? When was the last time you looked at someone and instead of judging you began to pray for them, that's being Christ-like.

I have heard on numerous occasions, this is the year for the Saints, I believe it, but I also know that there is a condition, that we all must meet in order to receive the blessing God is going to give His people. When God told the children of Israel to go and possess the land He had given them; they were to kill the adversary and take the land, but instead of them taking the land, they became afraid and begin to murmur and complain.

Many times, we're looking at our past failures, and the very thing we're afraid of will keep us from going forward because we're looking at the failure instead of looking unto Jesus. Every one of us have been given land to conquer, the enemy has stolen our health, dreams and goals, family, and finances, but in order to conquer, we must follow the instructions God has given each of us.

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We should have fellowship with Jesus and be a doer of the Word. We can't be doing and saying things that are contrary to God's character. Every one of us can look in the word of God and see an area where we have a need to come up in. The reason why some of us don't see ourselves is because we're not reading the word of God.

Anytime we say I can't or it will not work or I will never accomplish anything or let worry dominate instead of faith, that's a time to repent. If we're wearing our emotions on ourselves, that's a time to repent. If a brother or sister requested prayer, and we were to busy, that's a time to repent. If our Bible have gathered dust, and our knees haven't connected with the floor for weeks and months, it's time to repent.

Salvation belongs to anyone that will receive it, but in order to achieve what God has for us, we must take it a step further by living according to the word of God, being converted to God's purpose and plan.

Many Christians have hidden sin, although they think its hidden from the minister or the congregation, its not hidden from God.

Jesus came that we may be saved from our sins. Too many times people want Jesus, but they don't repent of their sins. In order to receive salvation one must believe, repent, convert - meaning you will turn from your old way and do it God's way.

In order for us to be victorious in our walk with the Lord we must follow the instructions of the Bible. The more we read the word and study, it will open our understanding of who we are in Jesus. God is not going to give us more of His spirit, He's not going to remove the temptation because He has empowered us to overcome temptation. The thoughts that comes to our mind can be destroyed by reading and meditating on God's word. God is not going to give us anymore than what He has already given us. It's left up to us to understand what God has given us and use what He has given. Stop wishing and hoping and start praying and speaking the word of God in every situation and believe what you speak.

Satan is trying to wear the Saints out, and many have grown weary in well doing, some have given up totally. Nothing comes easy, we must be willing to fight for what we want. We must fight the good fight of faith. We fight through prayer. Prayer of worshiper, praise, supplication, petition, binding and loosing, and decreeing the word of God in our situations. In order for any of this to be effective, we must be a doer of the word of God and not

just a hearer. Hearing the word and not applying it will not be effective to fight Satan. Satan knows when we're real and when we aren't. The word of God is like a two edge sword it will cut and divide and destroy our enemy when we're living the word of God.

Take the time and look at your spiritual life. Are you satisfied with where you are, or would you like more of God. If so, that means you have to give more of yourself in order to receive more. The more you give, the more you will receive of Him. If you pray for thirty minutes, try praying for an hour. If you read one chapter a day, try reading two or three. If you fast once a month, try fasting once weekly. If you've never stayed up all night praying, try it, you will have an experience you will not forget and you will desire to do it more.

As Christians we should take the time and check ourselves daily to see if we have sinned against God or if we have offended someone. We may have sinned in our thoughts, a spoken word or actions. It's good to always have a spirit of repentance. It keeps us humble before God and detour the enemy of ungodly pride from being our running buddy.

God's desire is for all to receive salvation, but He also want us to walk and live in our salvation. There shouldn't

be any area we're defeated in because God has empowered us to defeat the adversary. No weapon formed against us shall prosper, all things are possible to him that believeth. Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. The Lord God is our sun and shield, no good thing will he withheld from them that walk up rightly. God is our high tower and refugee, He's an encircling shield of protection. Let's stop letting Satan defeat us in the areas he has taken. Put on the whole armour of God and fight the good fight of faith. Let the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God be in your mouth and heart.

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