

JOY...over ONE SINNER that REPENTS! *WHY?*

Repentance means "to feel sorry for what one has done, AND failed to do; to be conscience-stricken; contrite; compunction; to feel such regret as to CHANGE one's mind about." Have you ever felt this way just BEFORE you became a Christian?

Most people who hear the gospel preached to them DON'T! Repentance goes against man's VERY NATURE because of PRIDE! It is seen most in little children who must be compelled to say "I'm sorry."

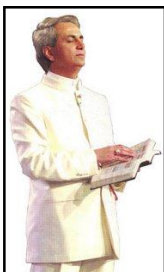
God said, "...for the imagination of man's HEART [THE MIND] is evil FROM HIS YOUTH" (Genesis 8:21). God also said, "...EVERY imagination of the THOUGHTS of his HEART was only EVIL CONTINUALLY" (Genesis 6:5).

Man needs to feel SORRY for this condition, to see himself as a sinner, and ONLY the WORDS "...that PROCEEDETH OUT [TO COME FORTH] of the MOUTH of God" (Deut. 8:3; Matt. 4:4) can reveal this TRUTH to him.

WITHOUT repentance, you're just a religionist like millions of other worshippers, going through the reverent motions, "EVER LEARNING, and NEVER ABLE to come to the KNOWLEDGE of the TRUTH" (2 Tim. 3:7).

Because of the intensity of spiritual corruption in the world, there is JOY IN PARADISE over ONE SINNER that REPENTS! In the parable of the "Lost Sheep," the man who has 100 sheep and loses one, leaves "...the ninety and nine...and GO AFTER that which was LOST, until he FIND IT" (Luke 15:4).

After he has FOUND it, "...he LAYETH IT ON HIS SHOULDERS, REJOICING. And when he COMETH HOME, he CALLETH TOGETHER his friends and neighbors, saying unto them, REJOICE WITH ME" (Luke 15:5-6).



Christianity today shuns repentance, and preaches instead a "SMOOTHER" gospel to appease its listeners that DEMAND, "...PROPHESY NOT unto us RIGHT THINGS, speak unto us SMOOTH THINGS" (Isaiah 30:10).



Their gospel message is SENSUAL, paying closer attention to the bodies feelings and senses instead of their sinful nature. These "hirelings" tap into those emotions for their own covetous benefits, using artificial words of "truth," that lead many AWAY from repentance, MAKING MERCHANDISE (2 Peter 2:3) of them all.

After Peter preached the first gospel message on the day of Pentecost, NOT ALL believed, but only "...THEY that GLADLY received his word were baptized: and the same day there were ADDED UNTO THEM [THE 120 IN THE UPPER ROOM] ABOUT three thousand souls" (Acts 2:41).

Paul writes as to why NOT ALL were saved: "...for unto US was the gospel preached, as well as UNTO THEM: but the Word preached DID NOT PROFIT them, not being MIXED WITH FAITH in them that heard it" (Hebrews 4:1).



Since Pentecost, millions of "church members" have left this life, and have opened their eyes in Hell, "...not being MIXED WITH FAITH." WHY? Because they refused to repent. There is nothing worse than going to Hell when you die, EXPECTING to go to heaven based on some religious belief!

Notice Acts 4:4: "Howbeit MANY [BUT NOT ALL] of them which HEARD THE WORD believed; and the number of the men was ABOUT five thousand."

The TRUE gospel should bring REMORSE to your heart. It should cause SUCH REGRET for being a

sinner, that YOU will fall down before God and tell Him you're SORRY. "Blessed are they that MOURN: for they shall be comforted" (Matt. 5:4).



But instead, today's gospel is very SENSUAL, urging everyone to REJOICE, to PRAISE God, to JOIN UP WITH religions, and CHANGE their ways. Religions message emphasizes PEACE, and a POSITIVE GOSPEL of encouragement, inviting all to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

But Jesus said, "THINK NOT that I am come to send PEACE ON EARTH: I came NOT to send PEACE, but a SWORD" (Matt. 10:34).

Religion is ALL about "having a FORM of godliness" (2 Tim. 3:5), but as Jesus said, "...ye WILL NOT COME [REPENTANCE] to me, that ye might have life" (John 5:40).!

When we hear the TRUE Word of God, our conscience is PRICKED, and a sharp feeling of uneasiness is brought on by a sense of GUILT. This "godly sorrow" (2 Cor. 7:10) leads us to TRUE repentance...and Satan KNOWS this!

That is why Satan has FLOODED THE WORLD in every language with counterfeit bibles, to PREVENT man from HEARING and trusting in the Word of God. The NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION has REMOVED "repentance" and verses from its passages:

Matt. 9:13; Mark 2:17 "...for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners TO REPENTANCE." And **Matt. 18:11** "So the Son of man is come to SAVE that which was LOST." The NIV removed it.

Get yourself an OLD KING JAMES VERSION bible, and pray, "God, please teach me your word." Then read it, and study it. Trust God!