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## WARNING! No Salvation...without REPENTANCE!

hen was the last time you heard a gospel message on REPENTANCE? You CANNOT be saved WITHOUT IT, so why isn't it being PREACHED? The reason is clear: "...how shall they PREACH, except THEY BE SENT" (ROMANS 10:15)?

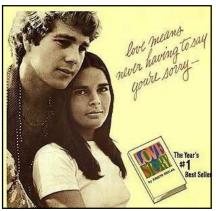
John the Baptist preached it: MATT. 3:2; Jesus preached it: MATT. 4:17; His apostles preached it: ACTS 2:38! All of God's servants PREACH REPENTANCE, because they are INSTRUCTED to PREACH IT!

When Jesus <u>opened the understanding</u> of his disciples, he instructed "...that REPENTANCE and REMISSION OF SINS should be PREACHED in his name among ALL NATIONS, beginning at Jerusalem" (LUKE 24:45).

<u>Repentance</u> means <u>COMPUNCTION</u>, or, <u>feeling SORRY</u> for what one <u>HAS DONE</u> or <u>FAILED TO DO</u>; to be <u>CONSCIENCE—STRICKEN</u>; to feel <u>REGRET</u>.

Even in the <u>Old Testament scriptures</u>, God taught <u>REPENTANCE</u>: "The Lord is **NIGH** unto them that are of a <u>BROKEN</u> heart, and <u>SAVETH SUCH</u> as be of a <u>CONTRITE</u> [CRUSHED; FEELING DEEP SORROW AND REMORSE FOR HAVING SINNED OR DONE WRONG; GUILT] spirit" (PSALM 34:18).

Have <u>YOU</u> ever felt <u>DEEP SORROW</u>, <u>RE-MORSE</u>, or <u>GUILT</u> for <u>having sinned</u>? Did it <u>COMPEL YOU</u> to <u>CALL UPON GOD</u> as the publican did: "...God <u>BE MERCIFUL TO ME</u> a <u>sinner</u>" (LUKE 18:13)? Only <u>HEARING the</u>



<u>Word of God</u> will bring about <u>such feelings of</u> **GUILT!** 

Movies like "<u>Love Story</u>" teach a philosophy that "<u>LOVE means NEVER having to say you're SORRY</u>," a quote taken from the 1970's novel "<u>Love Story</u>" by novelist <u>Erich Segal</u>! But, it's a LIE!

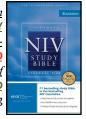
We <u>MUST BE SORRY</u> for our sins <u>before we die</u>, otherwise, we will <u>NEVER</u> "...<u>CALL</u> <u>upon the name of the Lord</u>" (GEN. 4:26; PSALM 116:13, 17; ZEPH. 3:9), "For whosoever shall CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED" (ROMANS 10:13).

The most **DIFFICULT** lesson to teach our children is to <u>apologize</u> **ON THEIR OWN** for the wrong they have done! **WHY**? Because of <u>their</u> <u>own **PRIDE**</u>, and we are **ALL BORN WITH IT**!

If children <u>REFUSE</u> to <u>apologize</u> to a person they can see, <u>HOW WILL THEY EVER APOLOGIZE</u> to God whom they <u>CANNOT SEE</u>?

Satan has <u>perverted the Word of God</u> since the <u>GOSPEL</u> was preached on the day of Pentecost, because, <u>since the resurrection of Jesus</u>, "...<u>he KNOWETH</u> that he hath but <u>A SHORT TIME</u>" (REV. 12:12).

The <u>New International Version</u> (NIV) is used by the <u>MAJORITY</u> of the English-speaking <u>professing</u> Christians. It is a <u>WICKED imitation</u> of the <u>true Word of God</u> where Satan has <u>OMITTED</u> many of the words concerning Jesus.



For instance, in Matt. 9:13 and Mark 2:17, Jesus said "...for I am NOT COME to call the righteous, but SINNERS TO REPENTANCE."

But the NIV omits the words "...to repentance."

Satan has also "...CHANGED THE GLORY of the UNCORRUPTIBLE God INTO an image made LIKE TO corruptible MAN" (ROMANS 1:23), and what we identify with today is a <u>Great Loving Grandfather</u> <u>God</u> who loves <u>ALL</u> His children, from whom He requires <u>NO REPENTANCE!</u>



But, the true image of God is <u>NOT</u> who you may think, for He said, "...thou THOUGHTEST that I was **ALTOGETHER SUCH AN ONE AS THYSELF**: but I will **REPROVE** thee, and <u>SET THEM IN ORDER</u> [TO SET IN A ROW] before thine eyes" (PSALM 50:21).

Jesus "...called unto him the twelve, and began to SEND THEM FORTH by two and two...and they WENT OUT, and preached that MEN SHOULD REPENT" (MARK 6:7, 12).

Jesus has <u>SENT US TOO</u>, "Behold, I SEND YOU FORTH as sheep in the midst of WOLVES" (MATT. 10:16) to <u>PREACH</u> that men should <u>REPENT!</u>

Only when the <u>Word of God</u> causes a person to <u>see their need</u>, then will they <u>CALL UPON</u> <u>THE NAME OF THE LORD</u> like blind <u>Bartimaeus</u> who said, "<u>Lord, that I might receive</u> <u>my sight</u>" (MARK 10:51)!

"Behold, the DAYS COME, saith the Lord God, that I will send a FAMINE in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of HEARING THE WORDS OF THE LORD" (AMOS 8:11).

We are <u>LIVING</u> in this <u>FAMINE</u> today, with <u>MANY MINISTERS refusing to preach REPENTANCE</u> to their congregations, but instead, preach "...<u>SMOOTH THINGS</u> [SMOOTHNESS; FLATTERY], [AND] <u>PROPHESY DECEITS</u> [THE ACT OF REPRESENTING AS TRUE WHAT IS KNOWN TO BE FALSE]" (ISAIAH 30:10).

Satan knows that if MAN fails to REPENT, he is DOOMED to spend ETERNITY in the Lake of Fire! His ministers preach a Gospel of Flattery, using "...ENTICING WORDS [PERSUASIVE LANGUAGE] of man's wisdom" (1 COR. 2:4).

But, "...EXCEPT YE REPENT [BE SORRY], YE SHALL ALL...PERISH" (LUKE 13:3, 5)! REPENT NOW!