

Repentance from a Kingdom Perspective

Repentance is not a hard concept to understand. The problem for everyone is that the reality of it disagrees with what religion teaches us. We were all taught that repentance is about being sorry and bemoaning our sinfulness. That's not it.

So where did that false theology come from? From Roman Catholicism, way back in history, and we still believe it:

“But what is repentance? Things got a little muddy as biblical translation continued. In the Old Latin and Latin Vulgate, the primary texts in the western world and the Catholic Church for centuries, 'metanoia' was translated as 'paenitentia'. This word for repentance held connotations of penance and contrition. Medieval theology focused largely on penitence, but with the Protestant Reformation, theologians reevaluated the original Greek...”¹

That speaks volumes!

For sure, there should be some regret in our hearts that we've sinned (i.e. “missed the mark” by not coming up to Heaven's standards)². However, our sins have been forgiven – all of them. Therefore, our regret should be more along the lines of personal dissatisfaction with our actions or speech.

That being said, there should be no permanent or self-deprecating regrets, because Father said, “No regrets”.³ There should be no continual disappointment with ourselves, either, because Father said, “No disappointments”.⁴

The hidden truth that we're never told is that we can't disappoint Father – never. His nature is love, so there's never an instance where he'll want to zap us with a lightning bolt because we're not performing properly. He knows we'll never come up to his standard, which is why Jesus had to die to free us from that burden.

There's so much theological ‘rubbish’ we believe which has no reality in the spiritual realm of the Kingdom in which we are royal sons.

So, back to the topic.

Metanoia (μετάνοια) is the Greek NT word translated as ‘repentance’. It means ‘a change of mind’⁵, or in modern vernacular, it means to ‘do a 180’ and face the other way. The verb metanoëó (μετανοέω) means ‘to change your mind’.⁶ You can see that there's no hint in these words of sorrow, lamenting, bewailing, etc.

Simply put: Metanoia (repentance) means to agree with the Father's mind. You turn away from how you think, what you believe, the ‘rubbish’ you speak, and your unrighteous actions and thoughts, and you start doing things the way he wants it done. This is one way align with him as he keeps telling us to.⁷

Repenting is as simple as that. Full stop!

1 – Alyssa Roat (18-12-2020) “What Is the Meaning of Metanoia and Its Biblical Significance?”

www.crosswalk.com/faith/bible-study/what-is-the-meaning-of-metanoia-and-its-biblical-significance.html

2 – “What Really is Sin?” canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/What-Really-is-Sin.pdf

3 – “No Regrets, No Looking Back” canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/6b-No-Regrets-No-Looking-Back.pdf

4 – “I'm My Own Worst Enemy” canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/47-I-am-My-Own-Worst-Enemy.pdf

5 – biblehub.com/greek/3341.htm

6 – Alyssa Roat (18-12-2020) “What Is the Meaning of Metanoia and Its Biblical Significance?”

www.crosswalk.com/faith/bible-study/what-is-the-meaning-of-metanoia-and-its-biblical-significance.html

7 – SEE MESSAGE: “What is Our Plumbline – 16-2-2022”

canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/MESSAGE-What-is-Our-Plumbline-16-2-2022.pdf

Therefore, what we need is to be deconstructed, deprogrammed and reprogrammed.

To help you understand what you need to know about having our mind deconstructed, deprogrammed and reprogrammed, watch this short 7-minute teaching:

WATCH: Mike Parsons “Deconstruction and Renewal” youtu.be/U5LkKXf4bRs

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