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# **Repentance**

**How has Israel and the church  
misunderstood it so badly?**

**Evangelist Raymond**



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**Israel's history of continued sin against God.  
They refused to repent of their sin.**

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Exo. 12:21-22

About 3,700 years ago, God called Moses to deliver Israel from Egyptian slavery. When God instructed Israel to kill a lamb and put its blood on the door post so the death angel would pass over their homes, **they believed God and it was counted to them for righteousness.** Every firstborn Egyptian died, but all Israel was saved. Israel witnessed God's mighty power again in the 10 plagues He sent upon Egypt, proving that He alone was God Almighty, and that all other gods were vanity.

Num. 14:22-23

It was not long after leaving Egypt that Israel **fell in sin through unbelief, murmuring, and complaining.** God told Moses, Because all these men which have seen my glory and my miracles which I did in Egypt, and have provoked me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice, surely they shall not see the land which I swore unto their fathers Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. **Tens of thousands who did not stop their sinning were killed by fire and plagues** in the forty years of wandering in the wilderness. **By no means, God told Moses, will I forgive the guilty who refuse to repent and forsake sin!**

After 40 years of wandering, Joshua was given charge to lead the new generation into Canaanland. Among the older generation, **only Joshua and Caleb stayed faithful to God,** as God spoke concerning them, "They have another spirit upon them and have followed me fully. " The psalmist writes, Blessed are they that doeth righteousness at all times. Psalm 106:3.

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**Temporary obedience of Israel**

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Joshua 24:31

And Israel served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, and which had known all the works and miracles of the Lord, that He had done for Israel.

Deut. 31:16-17      Israel's service and obedience to God **would be only temporary throughout their 1700 year long history under the Old Testament law.** God told Moses, ". . . this people will rise up, and go a whoring after the gods of the strangers of the land, whither they go to be among them, **and will forsake Me, and break my covenant which I have made with them. Then my anger shall be kindled against them . . . and I will forsake them,** and I will hide my face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall befall them; so that they will say in that day, Are not these evils come upon us, **because our God is not among us?"**

Hosea 9:15      Before God brought **final punishment** and desolation upon Israel, bringing them back into captivity and shame this time under the king of Babylon, He spoke this way, **All their wickedness and sin is before me, and for this reason I hated them:** for the wickedness of their doings, **I will drive them out of my house (the temple in Jerusalem) and I will love them no more.**

Rom 10:1-4  
Rom 11:19-24      **Israel had no homeland for the last 2000 years, not until 1948, because of her unwillingness to repent.** In God's final dealing with Israel before Christ's return to earth, she will finally repent of her sins, accept Christ as Savior, and be truly born again.

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**Why was there no true repentance in Israel?**

Isa. 59:1-2      Isaiah the prophet told Israel, God's hand is not short to save you, neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear: **But your sin has separated you from God.** False prophets, on the other hand, taught a different message saying, **Be at peace. No evil can come upon us. Is not the Lord among us?** These false teachers gave Israel a false security making them believe they could sin and still be loved and protected by God.

Micah 3:8	The prophet Micah would show Israel the way to true security when he declared, But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the Lord, and of judgment, and of might <b>to declare unto Israel their sin. His preaching, unfortunately, bore no fruit for no one repented of his sin.</b>
Jere. 4:1-4	<b>Israel had circumcision of the flesh as proof of their being in covenant with God.</b> But God pleaded, Circumcise yourselves to the Lord and take away the foreskin or hardness of your <u>heart</u> . <b>If you will truly repent and return to me with a full heart</b> , then regard your repentance as a serious matter requiring forethought and anxious labor to put away sin once and for all. <b>The prophet Hosea cried, “Sow to yourselves in righteousness (stop sinning); reap in my mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you.”</b>
2 Chron. 7:14	<b>Attending temple services and partaking of the holy ordinances was enough to merit forgiveness.</b> But God lays down the terms of his covenant in this way, <b>If my people . . . shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways (repent of their sin), then will I hear from heaven, and forgive their sin.</b>
	<hr/> <b>Because Israel was taught that God loves his people when they sin, they felt no sense of urgency to repent.</b> In the following ten scriptures, is it only the sin men commit that God hates or does He also hate the unrepentant sinner?
Psalms 5:5-6	<b>God hates all workers of sin.</b> He will destroy liars. He abhors a deceitful man.
Psalms 7:9-13	<b>God protects the upright in heart, but is angry with the wicked every day. If he does not repent and forsake sin, he will go to hell.</b>
Psalms 9:17	The wicked, and nations that forget God, will be turned into hell.

Psalm 10:3-4	God abhors a covetous man.
Psalm 11:5-7	<b>God loves righteous men, but his soul abhors or hates the wicked sinner and shall rain fire and brimstone upon him.</b>
Psalm 34:15-17	God's ears are open to the cries of righteous men, <b>but his face is against them who sin.</b> God will cut them off.
Psalm 45:7	<b>God loves righteousness and hates sin.</b>
Prov. 13:13	Whoso despises God's word shall be destroyed; but he that fears the commandment and obeys God will be rewarded.
Prov. 15:29	<b>The Lord is far from the wicked; but he hears the prayer of the righteous.</b>
Prov. 6:16	<b>These six things does God hate:</b> yea, seven are abomination to him: A proud look (of disdain or contempt), a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises evil, a liar, feet that be swift to do mischief, and he that sows discord among brethren.

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### **God so loved the world. How so?**

**Man was without hope in this world for he could never save himself from his slavery to sin and death that came from Adam. In order to uphold God's righteousness and justice, the penalty for breaking His law had to be paid. In love for fallen man, God gave Christ to die in man's place. Justice and mercy met together when Christ was crucified. The death penalty for sin which we should have paid was paid for by Christ. In this way God loves the sinner. But there is another way God loves the sinner that no one ever hears of. God so loved the world that when a man repents he is no longer captive to sin's power over him. He is now saved from sin. He can live as righteous a life as Christ lived. What**

extraordinary love God has for mankind, who is now able to partake of God's divine, holy nature, no longer sinners but sons of God, adopted back into God's own family!

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**Israel's three great mistakes and false security**

1. **We are God's chosen people through our father Abraham.**
2. **We are circumcised and so are forever in covenant with God.**
3. **We have God's temple in Jerusalem.**

Exo. 32:30-33

Israel did not take heed to what God said to them at the giving of His law when they sinned with the golden calf: **He that sins against me, him will I blot out of my book. To say it another way, he that sins is no longer saved. He must repent again** and not forget God's admonishment. As the psalmist declares, Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee.

Ezek. 3:19-21  
& 18:20-24 &  
33:11-16

**The truth that man can lose his salvation when he goes back into sin, and that once he turns from sin he is saved again is taught and emphasized in three separate chapters in the book of the prophet Ezekiel. The soul that sins will die or go to hell. But when and if he repents, he shall live forever with God. God has no pleasure in sending sinners to hell, but that they should repent and live. On the other hand, if a saved man goes back into sin, all his former righteousness will prove worthless. If he dies in sin, he will go to hell. Adam had eternal life when he was created. He lost it when he sinned. Once saved always saved is not an unconditional guarantee according to scripture.**

Matt 13:18-23

A sower (Jesus) sowed seed (the gospel) on 4 types of ground. One on the wayside had no interest at all; two others received the gospel, but later turned away; the fourth held on to produce much fruit, cultivating what had been sown in his heart.

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**To repent is the most important teaching in scripture.**

**What does it mean to repent?**

1. A godly sorrow for sin which leads to salvation.
2. Repentance is a complete turning away from sin.
3. A regret, deep in the heart, for having disobeyed God's law.
4. A change of mind, as Jesus counselled the adulteress, Go and sin no more.
5. A change of attitude about sin, becoming a new man in Christ.
6. A weeping and mourning for having offended a loving Father.
7. To repent of sin is to have a fear of God who is able to destroy both body and soul in hell's fire forever.

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**A broken and contrite heart God will not despise**

**The law showed NO mercy.** It required strict obedience in order to escape the death penalty. However, mercy was provided when a heart was crushed (truly, truly sorry) for having offended God.

**Two sinners: Two different hearts**

Num: 15:30-35

All unnecessary work was forbidden on the sabbath. A man, knowing the commandment, was found picking up sticks on the sabbath. **God instructed Moses to have him stoned to death because he despised the word of God, defying the law in his heart.**

2 Sam. chps.  
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**Adultery and murder were also death penalty sins. King David committed both. He was forgiven and escaped death, because he humbled himself, acknowledged his sin, and cried unto the Lord for mercy. His repentance was a godly one, leading once again to salvation.** He promised God that he would teach sinners the law so they, too, could be saved as he had been.



Ps. 38:1-7  
Ps. 51:1-17

Had David only despaired of having his sin exposed by the prophet Nathan, his repentance would have yielded no fruit. Children cry and make excuses when they are caught being disobedient, but never change their behavior. Adults do the same thing. **Only when the heart humbles itself, becoming broken and contrite before God and man, can it be freed from constant falling back into the same sins. Until full obedience is attained, all tears and weeping avail little, deceiving the sinner (and others who see the crying) into thinking that he has been converted or has repented.**

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**The New Testament carries on the same program of repentance, which means to give up sin completely.**

2 Cor. 7:10-11

Apostle Paul teaches saints the difference between godly and worldly sorrow.

- 1) **Godly sorrow works repentance unto salvation, changing the life and cleansing it from sin.**
- 2) **Sorrow of the world works death. This is unrepentant sorrow or pain over some misfortune as a consequence of one's sin.**

**He goes on to show the fruit and blessings of godly sorrow:**

1. Working of carefulness and of obedience
2. Clearing of oneself from guilt
3. Indignation and hatred of sin (in oneself and in others).
4. Fear of God and of the result of sin, which is death.
5. Desire to make things right
6. Zeal to do the right thing

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**The most important teaching in the New Testament is that man must repent of his sin if he wants to go to heaven.**

The first and foremost message of both John the Baptist and Christ was NOT that God loves you, nor even that God forgives you, but, **Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand.**

Matt 3:1-2 & 8-10	<b>John came preaching saying, Repent. Bring forth fruits meet for repentance and say not, We have Abraham as our father. Every tree (or man) that does not bring forth good fruit (a changed life) will be cast into hell.</b>
Mk 1:14-15	Jesus came preaching saying, Repent ye, and believe the gospel.
Mk 2:17	<b>Jesus said, I came to call sinners to repentance.</b> Can we trust Jesus that the most important thing is to repent?
Matt 18:3	<b>Jesus said, Truly, except ye be converted,</b> becoming as little children, ye shall not enter the kingdom. Little children don't seek after power, fame, or riches.
Luke 13:3 & 5	<b>Jesus said, Except you repent of sin you shall perish in hell. How is it possible that this truth about repentance is one of the most misunderstood and most overlooked in all scripture?</b>
Acts 3:19	Peter told religious Jews, <b>Repent and be converted that your sin may be blotted out or washed away,</b> that you may be refreshed by God in your salvation.
Acts 26:20	Paul preached that men should <b>repent</b> and turn to God and away from darkness and from the power of Satan, <b>doing works every day which show you have repented.</b>
Luke 15:7 & 10	Angels rejoice in the presence of God when even <b>one sinner repents. Why? Because repentance from sin brings salvation,</b> and because Jesus, who calls men to repent, has been glorified.

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### **What does it mean to repent?**

Turn around and sin no more.  
Change your mind. Stop sinning.  
Bring forth fruit or evidence that you have quit sinning.

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**Two main reasons why there is so little repentance today:**

1. **People say, God loves the sinner, so why be too concerned about repentance or hell fire.**
2. **We are saved already and forever. Besides, we can't help but sin everyday, because everybody sins.**

Rom 6:23

**This kind of wrong thinking will lead to death, for the wages of sin is death. Stop and consider for a moment: From what did you get saved if not from SIN?**

**Before God can forgive the sinner, sin must first be acknowledged or confessed. Then, with a true sorrow for having sinned against God, the sinner must repent, which means to bring forth fruit or evidence that he has completely forsaken sin. This is what Jesus expected of the adulteress when he told her, GO AND SIN NO MORE.**

1 John 1:9

**If we confess our sins, God is righteous and just to forgive us and to cleanse us of all our sins. Did not the blood of Christ wash away our sins? If so, then we are no longer sinners, but have been freed from sin's power over us. If this is not possible then God is powerless to help sinners by saving them from sin's control over them. Christ's death was then insufficient to save men from sin's power, and this could never be so.**

2 Pet. 3:9

**God is long suffering, waiting for you to repent of your sins. He does not want any man to perish in hell's fire.**

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**The last words Jesus spoke to the churches:**

**Repent and overcome. Overcome what? Sin.**

Rev. 2:1-7

**Jesus reproved the church of Ephesus, You have left your first love. REPENT of this sin. In Jn. 14:15 Jesus said, If you love me keep my commandments. To him who overcomes will I give to eat of the tree of life.**

Rev. 2:12-17	To the church of <b>Pergamos</b> , I have a few things against you. False teachers say you can fornicate, but I say, <b>REPENT</b> of your sin or I'll come and fight against you. He that <b>overcomes</b> sin will eat of the hidden manna.
Rev. 2:18-29	To the church of <b>Thyatira</b> , I have a few things against you. This woman Jezebel teaches my servants to commit fornication. Except she <b>REPENTS</b> , I will bring sickness upon her. <b>He that overcomes will rule over nations.</b>
Rev. 3:1-6	To the church of <b>Sardis</b> , A few of you have not sinned. You will walk with me in white garments. To the rest I say, <b>REPENT</b> for I will come as a thief to judge. <b>He that overcomes</b> , his name will not be taken out of my book of life.
Rev. 3:14-22	To the church of <b>Laodicea</b> , You are neither cold nor hot (on fire for me). Because you are <b>lukewarm</b> , I will spew you out of my mouth. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Be zealous and <b>REPENT</b> . <b>He that overcomes</b> will I grant to sit with me on my throne, <u><b>even as I overcame</b></u> and sit with my Father on His throne.
Rev. 16:8-9	In the last 7 years of tribulation, <b>God's wrath will be poured out upon the earth.</b> In one of the 7 vial judgments, God will send great burning heat upon sinners. <b>Do they REPENT? NO.</b> They will blaspheme (curse) God who has power over the plague!
Rev. 21:7	<b>He that overcomes sin shall inherit all things, and I will be his God, and he will be My son.</b>

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**What hinders so many in the church from true repentance? Judge for yourselves:**

1. **Rebellion against God**, not willing to give up sin.
2. **Pride**, which detests admitting to himself or others that he is wrong.

3. **Unwilling to pay the price of dying to self and to the world.** Jesus said, It will cost you everything to follow Me. Pick up your cross daily. There will be suffering for a saved man.
4. **Loving the teachings of false prophets** who deny that saved men can live without sin, as taught in hundreds of scriptures.
5. Seeing only the mote in the other person's eye and overlooking the beam in his own.
6. Failing to study the bible, seeking the Lord until He rains down righteousness upon him.
7. Failure to recognize his true enemy. It isn't his spouse, boss, child, or pastor. It is the devil, who seeks daily to defeat a saved man. 1 Peter 5:9

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**In the New Testament some 50 sins are listed that will send men to hell unless they are repented of.**

Rom. 1:24-32

**Over 20 death penalty sins are listed** including: maliciousness, envy, deceit, whisperers who smash men's reputations, backbiters, **proudful** boasters, rebellious children, unmercifulness. **God's judgment of hellfire will come on these sinners.**

1 Cor. 6:9-10

**Lists 10 classes of sinners** who will not be saved including fornicators, adulterers, effeminate men, homosexuals and lesbians, thieves, drunkards, and transvestites. **Be not deceived, the unrighteous shall not inherit eternal life.**

Gal. 5:19-21

**A list of 17 sins** and such like these, including witchcraft, lasciviousness (somehow partaking of things that produce sex sin or lust), idolatry which includes anything upon which one goes overboard in his affections for, hatred or a tendency to hold grudges against or to be angry at someone, bitter

dislike, causing discord among the brethren, striving to excel at the expense of others, a rivalry spirit in religion, business, etc., domestic turmoil, **and heresies which is false teachings. I tell you, they which do such things shall not be saved.**

Eph. 5:5-6

**Know this, that no unclean person (sinner) will inherit the kingdom of God. Let no man deceive you, for the wrath of God comes upon the disobedient.**

Heb. 10:26-31

**If after hearing the truth you continue to wilfully sin everyday, there is no more sacrifice for sin.** You have hardened your heart. He that despised Moses law died without mercy (remember the man that picked up sticks on the sabbath). How much sorer punishment awaits him who wilfully treads on the blood of Jesus, by which blood he was first saved from his sins.

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**Satan's law of sin enslaves and brings death.**

**Christ's law of freedom from sin brings life eternal. Five times we find the words "free from sin."**

Rom. 8:2

**For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.**

Jn. 8:34-36

**Jesus said, Whoso commits sin is a servant or slave of sin. If the son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.**

Rom. 6:1-2

**Shall we continue in sin? God forbid, how shall we that are dead to sin, live any longer as sinners?**

Rom 6:6-7

Our old sinful man was crucified with Christ that henceforth we should not serve sin. **For he that is dead to sin, having nothing more to do with it, is freed from sin.**

Rom. 6:11-12

Remain dead to sin and alive to Christ. Don't let sin reign or rule over you.

Rom. 6:16	<b>If you obey sin you will die.</b> If you stay obedient to God you will live eternally.
Rom. 6:18	<b>Being then <u>made free</u> from service to sin, you became servants to righteousness and to God.</b>
Rom. 6:22	<b>But now being made <u>free</u> from sin, you became servants of God having your fruit unto holiness, and in the end everlasting life.</b>
Rom. 14:17	For the kingdom of God is righteousness, peace with God, and joy in the Holy Spirit.
1 Pet. 1:15-16	<b>As God who has called you is <u>holy</u>, so be ye holy in all your behavior, as it is written, <u>Be holy for I am holy</u>.</b>
2 Pet. 1:3-4	<b>His divine power (to <u>free us from sin</u>) has given us godliness through the knowledge of Christ. He has given us great promises that we might partake of Christ's divine nature.</b>
2 Pet. 3:13-14	<b>Because we look for a renewed heavens and earth where only righteous people will live, be careful and diligent that you may be found <u>without spot and blameless</u>.</b>
1 Jn. 2:29	<b>If you know that Christ is righteous, then you know that <u>everyone that is born of God doeth righteousness</u>.</b>
1 Jn. 3:1-3	<b>We are sons of God.</b> Every man who hopes to see Christ face to face purifies himself even as Christ is pure.
	<b>True born again Christians do not live in sin.</b>
1 Jn. 3:5-10	<b>Whosoever abides in Christ or continues in obedience to him does not sin. Christ came to take away our sins. <u>Whoever sins has not known Christ</u>. Let no man deceive you. He that obeys God is righteous. <u>He that commits sin is of the devil</u>. For this purpose Christ came – to destroy the works of Satan, whose chief work is sin.</b>

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| 1 Jn. 3:9-10  | <b><u>Whoso is born of God doesn't commit sin.</u></b> How so? If you are obeying God's laws you can't be sinning at the same time. On the contrary, sons of the devil sin continually and every day.  |
| 1 Jn. 5:17-18 | All unrighteousness is sin. We know that <u>whosoever is born of God does not sin.</u>   |
| 1 Jn. 2:3-6   | <b>We can know for certain that we know Christ when we keep his commandments. He that claims to know Christ, but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him.</b> Our love for God is perfected when we keep His laws. Hereby we know that we are saved and in Christ, when we walk even as He walked. |
| 1 Tim 6:3     | <b>If any man teach NOT the words of our Lord Jesus Christ and his doctrine of living without sin, he is proud, knowing nothing. He is a false teacher.</b>  |
| 1 Tim 6:6     | But godliness with contentment is great gain.  |
| 1 Tim 6:11-14 | But you, man of God, follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith. Lay hold on eternal life. Keep his commandments without the spot of sin.   |

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**Can we be settled that without holiness no man will meet God in heaven? Here are more scriptures.**

**The bible uses 8 words for holiness:**

1. Be holy
2. Be blameless
3. Be spotless
4. Be righteous
5. Be perfect in obeying God
6. Be godly - God like
7. Be unblameable
8. Be upright and pure



Matt 5:44-48	<p>Jesus said, Do good to them that hate you that you may be children of your Father which is in heaven.</p> <p><b><u>Be therefore perfect even as your Father is perfect.</u></b> Yes, God's ways are higher than man's ways or standard of conduct.</p>
Eph. 1:4	<p>A command to the saved: <b><u>Be holy</u></b> and without blame before God in love.</p>
Eph. 4:22-24	<p>Put off the old man which is corrupt. <b>Put on the new man</b> which is created after God in righteousness and <u>true holiness</u> when we are born again.</p>
Eph. 5:8-9	<p><b>Before salvation, you were in darkness and sin. But now you are in the light (born again) and your fruit is goodness and righteous behavior.</b></p>
Eph. 5:26-27	<p>Christ's way of keeping his church cleansed from sin is by washing us in the water of the word of God so that we are ready at all times to meet him in the rapture, being <u>holy without any spot of sin.</u></p>
Eph. 4:11-13	<p>Christ gave gifts to his church to preach his word - apostles, evangelists, pastors . . . <b>for the perfecting of the saints unto a perfect man, to the stature and fullness of Christ. How can we any longer think that God is in love with a sinful, unrepentant church?</b></p>
Col. 1:28	<p><b>We preach and teach warning every man, <u>that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.</u></b></p>
Col. 1:21-22	<p>When you sinned every day you were enemies of God. Now, Christ has reconciled you to God having forgiven you by his death on the cross <b>that He may present you <u>holy and unblameable</u> in His sight.</b></p>
Col. 3:12-15	<p><b>As God's children <u>be holy</u>,</b> showing mercy, kindness, humility, and longsuffering towards others. Forgive one another as Christ forgave you, and above all show love, which is the bond of perfection.</p>

1 Cor. 1:8	Such a glorious gospel of Christ's love for you to save you from sin and to give you all the other benefits of salvation, drew you to God at the first, and this same love will <u>keep you blameless</u> unto the end when Christ shall come in the air at the rapture to receive the saints unto himself.
Heb. 12:14	<b>Follow peace with all men and <u>holiness</u>, without which <u>no man</u> shall see the Lord.</b>
	<b>God forbid that we should any longer doubt or question the scriptures that speak of God's creation of holy and perfect sons. Be no longer deceived and unbelieving - no sinner will go heaven.</b>
2 Cor 6:14-18	Separate yourself from all sin and I will be a Father to you and you will be my people; for you are God's temple, I walk and live in you.
2 Cor. 7:1	Having therefore this promise of being God's temple, cleanse yourselves from all filthiness of both your spirit and your flesh, <b>perfecting holiness and walking in the fear of God.</b>
Phil. 2:15	<b>That you may be <u>blameless</u> and harmless sons of God in the midst of sinners, among whom you shine as lights in this crooked world.</b>
1 Thess. 4:7	God has not saved us to live in sin, but to live <u>holy</u> .
	<b>A final scripture on true repentance</b>
Luke 7:36-50	In the following scripture know that it was common courtesy and a part of hospitality not only to feed and lodge guests, but to wash their dusty feet, greet them with a kiss as a sign of respect, and to anoint their heads with spiced olive oil to refresh them from their long journey. In this account a Pharisee named Simon has invited Jesus to his home some distance away. . .

“And behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee’s house, brought an alabaster box of ointment, and stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment.”

The story continues with Simon questioning in his mind that if Jesus were truly a prophet he would know the woman was a sinner and would have nothing to do with her. Jesus, knowing his thoughts, asked him who would love his creditor the most, the one who was forgiven little or the one who was forgiven most (for neither one could pay their debt). Simon answered, The one who was forgiven most . . .

“And Jesus turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she has washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head. Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet. My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment. Wherefore I say unto you, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little. And he said unto her, Thy sins be forgiven. Thy faith (proven through a true repentance) hath saved thee; go in peace.”

**The Judgment seat of Christ, which occurs at least 7 years before Christ’s returning, takes place in heaven after the rapture of a holy and spotless church.**

1 Cor 3:10-15

By God’s grace given to Apostle Paul to be a wise master builder, he laid the foundation which is Jesus Christ and his doctrine (all the teachings of the New Testament). **But let every man take heed or be careful how he builds and teaches thereupon. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones he will get rewarded. If he builds with wood, hay, stubble he will lose reward. God’s fire will test man’s work (does it line up with the word of God).** If his work is burned up, he shall suffer loss. If it abides the fire, he will be rewarded.

## **Illustration of the judgment of man's works or materials out of 100%**

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| 1. A man teaches false doctrine of wood & hay which is burned up:    | lose 10%            |
| 2. Conduct toward others - slander, broken promises, unfaithfulness: | lose 10%            |
| 3. Man's envy of another's success or happiness:                     | lose 10%            |
| 4. Causing strife at home or in church:                              | lose 10%            |
| 5. Personal ambition to do better than others (Pride):               | lose 10%            |
| 6. Love of the praise of men rather than of God:                     | lose 10%            |
| 7. Pride over talents or giftings:                                   | lose 10%            |
| 8. Love of authority:  | lose 10%            |
| 9. Murmuring against a brother in the Lord:                          | lose 10%            |
| 10. <b>Love of God and man building with gold &amp; silver:</b>      | <b>Rewarded 10%</b> |

Total analysis of 100% of work and motives:  
 90% loss of reward = hay & stubble building materials  
**10% gains reward = gold & silver building materials**

1 Cor 3:15

**Yet he himself will be saved, regardless of what happens to his works providing he has repented of his sins and wrong motives to teach false doctrine, etc., etc.** If he has **not overcome** these sins, he will miss the rapture, failing to take part in the judgment seat of Christ.

1 Cor 9:24-27

Paul states, **we all run in a race**, so run to win by running according to the rules so the prize or reward will be yours. I bring my body under subjection, **dying to all sin**, lest I preach to others but **I myself fail** in some way to make heaven and to receive an incorruptible crown.