

“Seeing The Need To Repent”

Lesson Text: **Acts 17:29-31.** It Is A Universal Need, That All Men Have...

I. What Is Repentance? And What Does It Change?

- “To change one’s mind or purpose,” always in the NT, involving a change for the better, an amendment, and always, except in Luke 17:3,4, of “repentance” from sin.” (Vine’s Expository Dictionary).
- “To change one’s mind for the better; heartily to amend with abhorrence of one’s past sins. (Thayer’s Greek-English Lexicon).
- True Repentance Changes Us:
 - Our Heart- **Ezekiel 18:31.**
 - Our Actions- **Matthew 21:28-32; Luke 15:17-21; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Ephesians 4:28.**
 - Not Like King Saul- **1 Samuel 26:21.**
 - Not Like Israel’s Repentance (Love)- **Hosea 6:4-7.**
 - Our Identity In The World- **Acts 8:9-22; Acts 9:20-22; Philippians 3:5-7.**
 - Restores Joy In Our Service To God- **Psalms 51:7-15.**
 - Can We See Repentance In People’s Lives?

II. How Do We See The Need To Repent?

- The Preaching Of The Cross, Bible Classes, Brethren Who Rebuke Us, Or The Lord’s Chastening.... **2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Corinthians 7:9-10.**
- When We Truly Realize We Are Wrong- **Luke 15:17; Matthew 18:15; Luke 17:4; Luke 19:5-10; Acts 9:1-19; 1 Timothy 1:13-15; Titus 1:12-13.**
- When We Really Consider What Christ Did At Calvary- **Romans 2:4. 2 Corinthians 5:14-15.**
- When We See The Judgment Of God For Sin- **Romans 2:5; Acts 8:22-24; 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10.**
- Why Is It That Many Never See The Need? **John 3:19-21.**
 - They Avoid Reading & Studying The Bible.
 - They Avoid Going To Church.
 - They Avoid Being Around Christians.
 - They Avoid Praying That God Will Help Them Repent!
 - Why? Because They Love Sin Too Much To Give It Up!
 - **Revelation 2:20-21.**

III. What Happens If We Don’t?

- We Will Perish! **Luke 13:1-9.**