

Continue to Repent

Matthew 4:17- From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. (KIV)

Repentance is necessary throughout out life for seekers of God's Kingdom. Believers are challenged to reject sin in their lives and embrace Jesus Christ. The battle to remain pure in Christ begins at Holy Baptism and is continuous. Evil and corruption readily attack the believer and seek to tarnish the soul. Deep love of God is necessary and God's help is required for repentance. The desire for inner peace in God must be stronger than the dangers of sin.

Mark 2:17- When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. (KJV)

Every person regardless of the degree of sinfulness has the opportunity to repent. The Lord Jesus Christ is very clear in calling sinners to repentance and to holiness. The lives of the saints offer inspiring accounts of sinners embracing Jesus Christ. Rejecting the way of sin and embracing the way of Jesus Christ is always possible. Peace of heart, mind and soul occur when Jesus Christ forgives a person's sins. God's Church offers opportunities through Confession for repentance to occur.

Luke 15:7- I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance. (KJV)

Wise believers avail themselves of the opportunities for Confession in the Church. Sincere confession involves honestly examining the self and rejecting sinful ways. Searching the heart for residual sin is beneficial for healing of the soul and body. When sins are forgiven a new state of physical and emotional health are achieved. Sins take a toll on the mind and body that is best addressed through repentance. A clear conscience free of memories of sin adds joy and freedom to daily living.

Acts 3:9- Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

(KJV)

The Lord Jesus Christ is ever-present to welcome believers seeking to repent. The parish priest is readily available to assist believers in the confession of sins. Pastoral advice helps the believer to remain on the path to God's Kingdom. The Divine services of the Church strengthen the believer in the battle against sin. Partaking of the Precious Body and Blood unites the believer with Jesus Christ. The more a person unites with Christ the greater the fulness of the life in Christ.

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