

## The Beauty of Repentance

**Matthew 3:8-Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:** (KJV)

Beauty emerges from repentance as the goodness and mercy of God unfold. The repenting sinner experiences the Lord God's love, mercy and forgiveness. God's goodness prevails when the believer's heart and mind mourn over sin. During repentance, the believer sees the glory of God revealed in the world. The darkness of sin is eradicated and the Light of Christ shines in repentance.

**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)

The Lord Jesus Christ welcomes sinners to draw near to seek the soul's cleansing. Believers mourning over their sins are encouraged to repent and embrace Christ. Jesus Christ lifts the weight of sin from believers repenting of their sinful ways. Jesus Christ's forgiveness restores health to the believer's heart, mind and soul. Great Lent is the opportune time for believers to repent and seek forgiveness.

**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)

According to the Scriptures, when sinners sincerely repent, joy rises in heaven. Believers considering repentance have reason to hope when knowing of this joy. Jesus Christ's love is reason to overcome the believer's hesitancy to repent. Each person must weigh the merits of repentance when seeking God's Kingdom. Courage, faith and trust in the Lord are necessary to repent of personal sins.

**Romans 11:29-For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.** (KJV)

Holding true to the way of the Lord enables the believer to avoid falling into sin. When sin occurs, sincere repentance leads to forgiveness and restoration of health. Health of body, mind and soul are to be viewed according to the way of the Lord. God knows the contents and intentions of the believer's heart, mind and soul. The Church provides the constant opportunities for a healthy heart, mind and soul.

**2 Corinthians 7:10-For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.** (KJV)

The Lord Jesus Christ is present in the life of the person repenting of personal sins. The believer's demeanor and behavior change when repentance takes place. Jesus Christ's mercy, love and forgiveness changes the believer's countenance. The content of the believer's heart, mind and soul change radically in repentance. Jesus Christ's forgiveness brings new life demonstrated in the believer's actions.

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