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REPENTANCE TOWARD GOD
II Cor. 7:8-11

Surplus + Shortages
Material *Spr.*

INT.

Single greatest SHORTAGE today: Genuine Repentance.
WORLD: full of lost men, will not REPENT. Lk. 13:3.
HOMES: full of discord, will not acknowledge guilt.
FRIENDSHIPS: shattered because one will not repent.
Marriages: on rocks because both too proud to confess.
CHILDREN and PARENTS still estranged because one or both not honest about true cause. I Pet. 5:6-7.
ERRING CHRISTIANS lost and doomed until admit God is right and they are wrong. Acts 8:22.
SPIRITUAL OBSERVATION: No peace of mind, contentment, or happiness until there is reconciliation between God and man, and no reconciliation possible until man is willing to repent OF HIS SIMS.

I. GOD HAS BEEN CALLING MAN TO REPENTANCE A LONG TIME.

- A. NOAH preached 100 years. II Pet. 2:5. B. C. 2,500.
- B. JONAH preached repentance. Nineveh spared 30 yrs. 1:1.
- C. ISAIAH preached repentance. Isa. 55:7.* 712 B. C.
- D. HOSEA preached return to God. Hos. 6:1*
- E. JOHN BAPTIST. Matt. 3:1 & 8. Mark 1:4.
- F. JESUS. Luke 24:47.
- G. PETER. Acts 2:38. 3:19. II Pet. 3:9.
- H. PAUL. Acts 17:30-31. II Cor. 7:9-11.*

CONCLUSION: None saved before, nor ever will without REP.

II. REPENTANCE TOO CLEARLY DEFINED TO BE CONFUSED.

- A. Gr. MET-A-NOEO: To change the mind for the better!
 - B. AMBROSE: "True repentance is to cease from sinning."
Paul agrees: Col. 3:1-10.* *Process.*
 - C. TWO KINDS OF REPENTANCE POSSIBLE.
 - 1. Worldly sorrow: Judas. II Cor. 7:10. Worthless.
 - 2. Godly sorrow: Peter. II Cor. 7:9-10. To Rep.
- Ill. Wm. Nevins: "Two kinds of repentance. In one the ice is broken (Judas), and in the other the ice is melted (Peter). Repentance unto life is repentance in life."

III. THREE REASONS MANY MEN DO NOT REPENT.

- A. Overly inflated in own importance. Pr. 16:18. I C.1:26
- B. Has cleverly deceived himself. Gal. 6:7. Acts 8:22.
- C. Denies what is obvious to all others. I J. 1:7-9. 3:23

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INV. TWO THOUGHTS TO THOSE WHO NEED TO REPENT NOW.

1. "You cannot repent too **soon**, but you can repent too late." Luke 13:3. Matt. 24:42.
2. "Death bed repentance is like burning out the candle of life and merely blowing the smoke that's left into God's face."

CHRIST CALLS MEN TO REPENTANCE TODAY.

Plan to sometime!

BUT, Will you give Him the candle or the smoke???