

**In the past God overlooked ..ignorance,
but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.**

Acts 17:30

Luke 24:47

**And that repentance and release from bondage of sins should be preached in his name
among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.**

The original Greek for *release from bondage* of sin could be translated as *release from bondage*, *forgiveness*, or *remission*, of sin. *Release from bondage of sin* is far more accurate, and perfectly describes the purification necessary to avoid being banned from heaven. The cleansing of the Word, the cleansing in the Light, both attained by waiting on the Lord, listening, hearing, watching, and obeying - such cleansing is a release from the bondage of sin. But the poor souls, who were trying to translate the Bible, had not experienced *release from bondage of sin* within themselves, and so obviously chose to emphasize *forgiveness* instead. Yet release from captivity, from the prison house, from the oppression, is what Christ said he came to do:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach release to the captives [of sin], and recovery of sight to the blind, to deliver [free] those who are oppressed [by sin], Luke 4:18-19

The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me because the LORD has anointed me to preach good tidings to the poor; he has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim deliverance to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; Isa 61:1-2

and for what Paul said Jesus sent him to the Gentiles to accomplish:

To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, **release from sin's slavery**, and an inheritance among those who are sanctified and **purified by faith** in me. Acts 26:18

Jesus told the adulteress: I do not condemn you either.

Go on your way and **sin no more**, lest *a worse thing* come upon you. John 8:11.

The worse thing is to be banned from heaven for still sinning, and sent to Hell, until you have paid the last farthing.

He would not have commanded her to sin no more, unless it were possible. Repentance is the way.

Jesus warned us several times: Unless you repent you will all likewise perish. Luke 13:3,5.

Jesus requires us to be holy, pure, and perfect, which work he does for us by grace, as we carry the inward cross of self-denial, repenting from what he shows us as the sins in our heart, and obeying his commands that we hear him speak to us from *Jesus, the word*, in our heart.

1. **Ezekiel 33:11**

Say to them: 'As I live,' says the Lord GOD, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that

the wicked **turn** from his way and live. **Turn, turn** from your evil ways! For why should you die, O house of Israel?’

2. **Ezekiel 18:30-32**

"Repent! And turn from all your transgressions, so iniquity will not be your ruin.

Cast away from you all your transgressions, by which you have transgressed; and **get a new heart and a new spirit.** For why will you die.

For I have no pleasure in the death of him who dies," says the Lord GOD. "Therefore **turn [from you evil ways] and live!**"

3. **2 Kings 17:13**

Yet the LORD warned Israel and Judah through all the prophets and all the seers, saying, "**Turn from your evil ways** and keep my commands and my statutes, according to all the law that I commanded your forefathers and sent to you by my servants the prophets."

4. **Zechariah 1:4**

Thus said the LORD of hosts: "**Turn now from your evil ways and from your evil doings;**" but they did not hear or listen to me, says the LORD.

5. **2 Peter 3:9**

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to **repentance.**

6. **Matthew 3:2**

And saying, **Repent** (think differently; change your mind, regretting your sins and changing your conduct), for the **kingdom of heaven** is at hand.

7. **Luke 3:11-14**

Share from your excess with those who are without the necessities of life.

Be honest in all your dealings, **never exaggerating or overreaching** anyone.

Don't oppress people or frighten anyone, **don't lie, don't want more, don't complain.**

8. **Matthew 3:8**

Produce fruit in keeping with **repentance.**

9. **Matthew 3:11**

I baptize you with water for **repentance.** But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

10. **Matthew 4:17** From that time on Jesus began to preach,

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.

It was near 2000 years ago. Some standing with him would see the Kingdom before they died. The Kingdom is personal.

The generation on the earth with Jesus would not die until all the end times prophecies were fulfilled.

11. **Revelation 3:19**

Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and **repent**.

12. **Matthew 11:20**

Then Jesus began to denounce the cities in which most of his miracles had been performed, because they did not **repent**.

13. **Matthew 11:21**

Woe to you, Korazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! If the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have **repented** long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

14. **Mark 1:15** The time has come, he said. The kingdom of God is near. **Repent** and believe the good news!

15. **Matthew 12:41**

The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they **repented** at the preaching of Jonah, and now one greater than Jonah is here.

16. **Matthew 21:32**

Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, the tax collectors and the prostitutes **are entering the kingdom of God** ahead of you. For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not **repent** and believe him.

17. **Mark 1:4**

John came, baptizing in the desert region and preaching a baptism of **repentance** for the forgiveness of sins.

18. **Mark 6:12** They went out and preached that people should **repent**.

19. **Luke 3:3**

He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of **repentance** for the forgiveness of sins.

20. **Luke 3:8**

Produce fruit in keeping with **repentance**. And do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham.

21. **Luke 5:32**

I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to **repentance**."

22. **Luke 13:3**

I tell you, no! But unless you **repent**, you too will all perish.

23. **Luke 13:5**

I tell you, no! But unless you **repent**, you too will all perish."

24. **Luke 15:7**

I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who **repents** than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to **repent**.

25. **Luke 15:10**

In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who **repents**."

26. **Luke 16:30-31**

" 'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will **repent**.'"He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

27. **Luke 17:3**

So watch yourselves. "If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he **repents**, forgive him.

28. **Luke 17:4**

If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, 'I **repent**,' forgive him."

29. **Acts 2:38**

Peter replied, "**Repent** and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

30. **Acts 3:19**

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord

31. **Acts 5:31**

God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might give **repentance** and forgiveness of sins to Israel.

32. **Acts 8:22**

Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord. Perhaps he will forgive you for having such a thought in your heart.

33. **Acts 11:18**

When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, God has granted even the Gentiles **repentance unto life**."

34. **Acts 13:24**

Before the coming of Jesus, John preached **repentance** and baptism to all the people of Israel.

35. **Acts 17:30**

In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.

36. **Acts 19:4**

Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of **repentance**. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus."

37. **Acts 20:21**

I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in **repentance** and have faith in our Lord Jesus.

38. **Acts 26:20**

First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and to the Gentiles also, **I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds.**

39. **Romans 2:4**

Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness leads you toward **repentance**?

40. **2 Corinthians 7:9**

yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to **repentance**. For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us.

41. **2 Corinthians 7:10**

Godly sorrow brings **repentance** that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

42. **2 Corinthians 12:21**

I am afraid that when I come again my God will humble me before you, and I will be grieved over many who have sinned earlier and have not **repented** of the impurity, sexual sin and debauchery in which they have indulged.

43. **2 Timothy 2:25**

Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them **repentance** leading them to a knowledge of the truth

44. **Hebrews 6:1**

Therefore let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again the foundation of **repentance** from acts that lead to death, and of faith in God

45. **Hebrews 6:6**

if they fall away, to be brought back to **repentance**, because to their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting him to public disgrace.

46. **2 Peter 3:9**

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to **repentance**.

47. **Revelation 2:5**

Remember the height from which you have fallen! **Repent** and do the things you did at first. If you do not **repent**, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.

48. **Revelation 2:16**

Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

49. **Revelation 2:21**

I have given her time to **repent** of her immorality, but she is unwilling.

50. **Revelation 2:22**

So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they **repent** of her ways.

51. **Revelation 3:3**

Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; obey it, and **repent**. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you.

52. **Revelation 3:19**

Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and **repent**.

53. **Revelation 9:20**

The rest of mankind that were not killed by these plagues still did not **repent** of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood—idols that cannot see or hear or walk.

54. **Revelation 9:21**

Nor did they **repent** of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts.

55. **Revelation 16:9**

They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God, who had control over these plagues, but they refused to **repent** and glorify him.

56. **Revelation 16:11**

and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they refused to **repent** of what they had done.