

REPENT! CAUSE THE KINGDOM IS HERE!
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Matthew 3:2 Amplified The message that John preached:

- REPENT!
- Think differently...
- Change your mind...
- Regretting your sins...
- That is present and future tense...
- It's not a onetime thing...
- It's not saying a prayer, so you can go to Heaven...
- It is CHANGING your CONDUCT...
- The Passion Translation says that the Kingdom realm is about to appear, so you better KEEP TURNING away from evil and turn back to God.

Matthew 4:17 Amplified The message that Jesus preached:

- Notice Jesus' message...
- REPENT!!!
- Change your mind for the better...
- Heartily, with passion and commitment—amend, change for the better—your WAYS...
- With abhorrence for your past sins...
- Notice that the sins are in the past—left behind...
- Why? Because you abhor them...you hate and detest them...
- When you hate and detest them, you will leave them behind.

The Passion Translation says it this way:

From that time on Jesus began to proclaim His message with these words:
Keep turning away from your sins and come back to God, for Heaven's Kingdom realm is now accessible!

- Notice the present and future tense of repentance...
- Come back to God—this speaks of relationship!
- Now here's the Good News: The Kingdom realm is NOW accessible!
- It's NOT some future event...
- It's NOW!
- Jesus did not preach a Gospel about going to Heaven when you die...
- Jesus did not preach a hell fire and brimstone message...

Mark 1:15 Amplified A second witness to Jesus' message:

- There it is again...REPENT!
- Mark tells us something new—the appointed time is fulfilled...
- The Kingdom is at hand...
- Believe God...

The Passion Translation reads like this: read it.

- Notice the message Jesus preached...
- At last the fulfillment of the age has come!
- Do you hear the excitement in Jesus' tone?
- The Triune God had been anxiously waiting for this time to come!
- They kept Their promise to Adam and Eve...
- What was the fulfillment of 'the age'?
- It is now time for God's Kingdom realm to be experienced—here and now—ON EARTH!
- Turn your lives BACK to God!
- Put your trust and hope in HIM!
- BELIEVE HIM AND NOT THE FATHER OF LIES!

James 4:17 Amplified So what exactly is sin?

- This is the simplified definition of what sin is.
- You know the right thing to do, but you choose to not do it.
- This is sin.
- God's Word tells us what the right thing to do is.
- Love God...
- Love others as you love yourself...
- Once you know the Truth, you become responsible to obey it.

Do you see where accepting this Gospel begins?

- Think differently!
- Change your perspective!
- Bring your double vision into the focus of the single eye!
- The single eye is God's vision.
- In His eye you've never been a lost sinner, but a lost son or daughter who needed to be redeemed and restored to your original position.
- Your IDENTITY was lost at the tree incident because of UNBELIEF.

When you think differently your behavior will change.

- When you understand how much YOU are loved, this will enable you to love others the same way.

Galatians 5:16-26 Passion Translation

- Yield...to the Spirit
- Self-life is being self-conscious
- The New Creation is God-conscious
- Notice the old self-life: sexual immorality, lustful thoughts, pornography, chasing after things instead of God; manipulating others, hatred of those who get in your way, senseless arguments, resentment when others are favored, temper tantrums, angry quarrels, only thinking of yourself, being in love with your own opinions, being envious of the blessings of others, murder, uncontrolled addictions, wild parties, and all other similar behavior...
- Don't be sucked in to the false doctrine of 'greasy grace'...
- We are called to live holy lives...

I'm talking to those of you who confess a relationship with Jesus:

- If you call yourself a Christian and you have hatred or bitterness in your heart towards someone—REPENT!
- If you call yourself a Christian and you throw temper tantrums or have angry quarrels with others—REPENT!
- If you call yourself a Christian and you have uncontrolled addictions—REPENT!
- If you call yourself a Christian and you go out drinking and clubbing; attending wild parties—REPENT!
- If you call yourself a Christian and you are jealous and envious of others—REPENT!
- If you call yourself a Christian and you love someone LESS, that's murder in the Kingdom—REPENT!
- If you call yourself a Christian and only think of yourself and are in love with your own opinions—that's called PRIDE in the Kingdom—REPENT!
- If you call yourself a Christian and you are having any kind of sex outside the marriage bonds—that is illegal activity in the Kingdom—REPENT!
- And there are NO same-sex marriages in the Kingdom of God—
- Lustful thoughts and pornography—you've already had sex...

The message is NOT 'say this prayer and you can go to Heaven' and leave them in the same moral condition.

- To experience the Kingdom realm is to live in intimate *relationship* with our Father God.
- We enter the Kingdom through the blood sacrifice of Jesus, our Messiah.
- He is the Door into the Kingdom.
- He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life...
- He IS Eternal Life...
- When you live IN CHRIST, you are living in Eternal Life—you'll never die.
- But, you can't live 'in Christ' and still live in the old moral condition.
- The old you was supposed to die with Christ and the new creation born when you were raised with Christ—to NEW LIFE.

This happens through REPENTANCE!

- It's not saying 'I'm sorry'
- It's not saying 'Forgive me'
- It is saying 'I BELIEVE You'
- And I will continue to change my perspective and my behavior to agree with You.

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- In the Kingdom you have DOMINION!
- In the Kingdom you have UNCONDITIONAL AUTHORITY!
- In the Kingdom you are restored to your position as sons and daughters!
- So, start living like you believe this!
- Throw off the weight of sin through repentance.
- Live victoriously now—cause the Kingdom is here!
- Go and tell others what great things your God has done for you...
- Tell them about the Kingdom that is available to them right now...
- Show them THE WAY...
- Tell them THE TRUTH...
- Lead them to THE LIFE—Eternal Life—right now...