

**General Topics :: Ten Reasons for not Repenting from Sin****Ten Reasons for not Repenting from Sin - posted by Gideons (), on: 2004/10/16 12:06**

My pastor delivered a powerful sermon entitled "Wasting Away in our Sin" on Thursday night. He talked about ten excuses for failing to repent from sin and refuted the excuses in the Word.

Here are the ten excuses and I've included them all in the first person:

1. I don't know how to repent (or it could be stated I can't repent).
2. I don't have time to repent.
3. I just have a sinful nature.
4. I'm just waiting on Jesus to repent.
5. I can't repent because of my circumstances.
6. I can't repent because my health is poor.
7. I can't repent because I have a hard heart.
8. I just didn't know any better (i.e. ignorance).
9. It's God's responsibility to make me repent and if I haven't repented it's His fault.
10. I don't need to repent.

One of the scriptures, he closed the sermon with was Psalms 106:43 which says " Many times he delivered them, but they were bent on rebellion and they wasted away in their sin." This is what happens when we fail to repent or make excuses for not repenting.

Let's not waste away in our sin any longer.

Re: TRUE REPEENTANCE is more than just being sorry!!!! - posted by Gideons (), on: 2004/10/16 15:54

I just got this in my Email from InJesus.com.

TRUE REPEENTANCE is more than just being sorry!!!!

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Mark 1:15 .. "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

What does it really mean to REPENT??? Strong's Greek Word 3340 means

1. to change one's mind, i.e. to repent
2. to change one's mind for better, heartily to amend with abhorrence of one's past sins

This word 3340 (Metanoeo) is from two other Greek words 3326 (Meta) which means "with, after, behind" and Strong's Greek word 3539 (Noeo) which means "to perceive with the mind, to understand, to have understanding" or "to think upon, heed, ponder, consider"

Paul told us that God would have to grant repentance (2 Timothy 2:25) to us, but Jesus told us that we must REPENT and BELIEVE. That is because there are TWO parts to us repenting. The first part is us CHOOSING by our own wills to BELIEVE ONLY what God says. To do that we have "to think upon, heed, ponder, consider" ONLY what God says. We can be "sorry" for our sins, but that is only the first step.

2 Corinthians 7:10

For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.

If we are just "sorrowful" for our sins without BELIEVING that God has set us free IT WILL ONLY PRODUCE DEATH. We should all want the LIFE of JESUS and we can ONLY get that if we BELIEVE that He has set us free at the Cross.

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2 Corinthians 7:8-13

8 For though I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it; though I did regret it--for I see that that letter caused you sorrow, though only for a while—

9 I now rejoice, not that you were made sorrowful, but that you were made sorrowful to the point of repentance ; for you were made sorrowful according to the will of God , so that you might not suffer loss in anything through us.

10 For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret , leading to salvation , but the sorrow of the world produces death.

11 For behold what earnestness this very thing , this godly sorrow, has produced in you: what vindication of yourselves, what indignation , what fear , what longing , what zeal , what avenging of wrong ! In everything you demonstrated yourselves to be innocent in the matter.

12 So although I wrote to you, it was not for the sake of the offender nor for the sake of the one offended, but that your earnestness on our behalf might be made known to you in the sight of God.

13 For this reason we have been comforted. And besides our comfort, we rejoiced even much more for the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by you all.

2 Timothy 2:20-26

20 Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels , but also vessels of wood and of earthenware , and some to honor and some to dishonor .

21 Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these things , he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.

23 But refuse foolish and ignorant speculations , knowing that they produce quarrels

Re: Ten Reasons for not Repenting from Sin - posted by ZekeO (), on: 2004/10/16 16:15

May I add another one, a general derth of word in the believers life.

You cannot read the book humbly and not be challenged/changed by it.