

THE GIFT OF REPENTANCE

How To Not Be Judged

- I. **Repentance is how you miss judgment-Jer18:7**-At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up and to pull down and to destroy it; ⁸If that nation against whom I have pronounced turn from their evil I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them-**Jer26:13**-Therefore now amend your ways and your doings and obey the voice of the Lord your God; and the Lord will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you
- A. Repentance is connected to being forgiven and not judged-Ac2:36-Let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made the same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.³⁷Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?³⁸Then Peter said unto them Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the **remission** (forgiveness) of sins-**Ac3:19**-Repent ye therefore and be converted that your sins may be **blotted out** (erase)- **Mk1:4**-John did baptize in the wilderness and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins-**Ac8:22**-Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee-**Lk17:3**-If thy brother trespass against you, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him-**Joel2:13-AC**-Rend your hearts and not your garments and return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in loving-kindness; and He revokes His sentence of evil
- B. To be able to miss it and have it bother your heart and wish you hadn't did it and be forgiven of it instead of being punished (judged) for it is a gift-Ac5:31-Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Savior, for to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins
- II. **A Christian can sin and be judged even though forgiveness is available if they won't repent-It's not just the sin/mistake, but the refusal to repent that gets people judged and destroyed (Acts 5:1-10-Ananias and Sapphira)**
- A. A believer only incurs God's judgment when they won't judge themselves and repent-1Co11:31-If we evaluated and judged ourselves honestly [recognizing our shortcomings and correcting our behavior], we would not be judged.³²But when we [fall short and] are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined [by undergoing His correction] so that we will not be condemned [to eternal punishment] along with the world-**Jonah3:10**-God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said he would do unto them; and he did it not
- B. God's judgement on a believer who won't judge themselves is actually an act of mercy-If He just let them continue on, they would end up lost and judged with the world-**1Co5:1**-It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife.²And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you.³For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already...⁵To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.