

JESUS SAID

Repent

and

Believe

the

Good News

Friend, I have good news for you today. You can be forgiven of your sin, receive everlasting life, and join God's Kingdom! Over 2000 years ago, God, the creator of the universe sent his only Son Jesus Christ as an ambassador to the world. Except where noted, the following quotes are from him.

Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the good news of the kingdom of God, and saying, "the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is near: repent, and believe the good news."

According to Jesus we must first repent. Repentance is a change of mind and direction. A change from serving sin to serving God. It is the act of getting off the throne of your life so that Jesus Christ may take his rightful place. Jesus Christ said:

"Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."

"I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Jesus spoke of a city that was living wickedly. God sent Jonah, a prophet, to command them to repent. When the city heard, they immediately mourned and begged God for mercy. Jesus spoke of that city:

"The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment

with this generation, and condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonah.”

The Bible says about Nineveh's repentance:

“God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not.”

Therefore, Jesus definition of repentance is “turning from our evil way”. That is what Nineveh did, and that is what Jesus expects of us today. It is a change of heart and mind that outwardly affects our practice of sin.

Jesus said:

“Truly, truly, I tell you, unless a man is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God... Ye must be born again.”

To be born again means to be regenerated. When a child is born, a new life starts. The same is true when you are born again, you become a new creature. How can you be born again?

“God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him will not perish, but have everlasting life.”

*“He that believes in me, even if he dies, he will live:
And whoever lives and believes in me will never die.”*

“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved”

What does it mean to believe? If I was your best friend and I told you that a bomb was in your house, what would you do? If you really believed me, you would invest your action and time in getting out of your house. Jesus told some people that began to believe in him:

“If ye continue in my teachings, then you are really my disciples.”

“I am the light of the world: he that follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

According to the Son of God, if we truly believe in him, we will continue in what he taught. He also taught:

“Truly, truly, I tell you, if a man obey my teachings, he will never see death.”

What a promise. We can have eternal life if we believe that Jesus was sent from God and obey his teachings.

“I have come as a light into the world, that whoever

believes on me should not remain in darkness. And if any man hear my teachings, and does not believe, I do not judge him: for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejects me, and does not receive my teachings, has one that judges him: the teachings that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken of my own authority; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that his commandment is everlasting life”.

Jesus taught us that we must not reject him or his teachings. To truly believe in Jesus, you must accept what he taught. That is why Jesus said:

“If ye love me, obey my commandments.”

“If you obey my commandments you will remain in my love.”

Some of Jesus teachings include: whoever looks on a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart, do not take oaths, whoever will marry her that is divorced commits adultery, do not resist evil, let your yes be yes and your no be no, love your enemies, do not store up treasure, do not worry about your life, seek Gods

kingdom first, do not be anxious about tomorrow, do not judge, deny yourself and take up your cross, love him more than your family, and your own life. Do we really believe him? If we did, we would be following what he taught.

What if we decide not to repent and believe Jesus?

“Fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell”.

“And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torment”

“These will go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into eternal life.”

According to Jesus, hell is a place of torment to be feared. Those who do not believe and follow him will be thrown into Hell and punished. He taught that he is the only way to the Father who grants eternal life:

“I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man comes to the Father, but by me.”

Jesus taught that his Father wants to have a relationship with us:

“And this is eternal life, that they might know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ, who you have sent.”

“O Father...I have given unto them the teachings that you gave me; and they have received them, and have known that it is true that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me.”

Jesus came to preach about his Father’s kingdom and commands, but he also came to the earth to die for mans sins. The Bible teaches that “without shedding of blood is no forgiveness”. Men long ago had to take an imperfect lamb and shed its blood so that the Father would forgive them. Jesus laid his life down in the same way, allowing his blood to be shed. Jesus had no sin, so his blood was perfect that we may be forgiven.

“This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

The Bible teaches that we must have “faith in his blood”. What a blessing, to have your sins wiped away, and remembered no more. It also teaches that “all have sinned and come short of the glory of God” and “If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar”. You must have your sins forgiven. Jesus has made the way. Jesus spoke of the attitude we must have:

“The religious person stood and prayed this way

with himself, God, I thank you, that I am not as other men are, swindlers, sinners, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I own. And the tax collector, standing far away, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but hit on his chest, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that honors himself shall be humbled; and he that humbles himself shall be honored.”

To the woman caught in the act of a sexual sin, Jesus said:

“Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.”

Jesus offers mercy and forgiveness for the truly repentant sinner that decides to make him his master and forsake his sins.

How can you be saved today? Repent from your sin, humble yourself and cry out for mercy, believe the good news, and be born again. Jesus Christ has given us a helper to assist us with this process and to help us obey his teachings.

“The Comforter, which is the Holy Spirit, who the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance,

whatever I have said to you.”

Today is the day of salvation. Unless you repent you will perish. God is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is your Master, and believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Friend, won't you make him the master of your life today?

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