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Repent means about face or a complete change of direction. You have not repented if you plan to continue your life in the same direction you are going. The Ten Commandments still apply today as they did when God gave the Commandments and The Law, and these are two separate set of commandments. The Law was the Law of Sacrifices which was fulfilled with the death of Jesus Christ. The Ten Commandments were designed to always be in effect as rules to live by.

Romans 3:23 “For all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God.” Sin is hereditary. We inherited sin from the disobedience of Adam and Eve.

Genesis 2:9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every **tree** that is pleasant to the sight, **and good** for food; the **tree of life** also in the midst of the garden, **and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.**

Genesis 3:3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

Genesis 2:17 God had said: “But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: **for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.**”

II Peter 3:8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

Let me insert this now. No one has ever lived to be a thousand years old. Adam lived nine hundred and thirty years and died.

Genesis 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:
Satan is a liar and the father of lies.

Genesis 3:5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

Satan is a deceiver. He tells half truths. A half truth is a lie unless it is the whole truth. To make someone believe something is different from what it really is, this is also a way of lying.

Genesis 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Things are not always what they appear to be. Satan can make sin look fun. He can package sin to be pleasant to the eyes.

Genesis 3:7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

Genesis 3:8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

Genesis 3:9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou?

Genesis 3:10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

Sin puts fear into your life.

Genesis 3:11 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

Genesis 3:12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

The blame someone else for your failure to obey God started in the Garden of Eden. It did not work then and it will not work now. God holds each and everyone of us accountable for our own actions. It will not matter who entices you to sin. **YOU ARE TO BLAME FOR YOUR SIN.**

Genesis 3:13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

We still hear the words, “The devil made me do it.” The devil has no power over your will. Even God does not allow himself to have power over your will. You were created to praise and worship God, but it is only if you want to worship him. He gave you the free choice.

Adam and Eve were placed in a paradise and given only one commandment. Do not eat of the fruit of the one tree that is in the midst of the garden. They had to tempt and test God through disobedience. Because of their disobedience sin entered into the world.

Psalms 51:5 “Behold I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.” This scripture does not mean that the relationship between married people and the conception of children from this marriage is a sin. It is stating that even the new born child will, (when he becomes of age to understand or age of accountability), will have need for repentance. He has inherited sin. Children, no matter how cute, learn to lie when they learn to talk.

Hebrews 13:4 Marriage is honourable in all, and the **bed undefiled**: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge. Any relationship outside the institution of marriage is a sin. I will state my view on marriage. It is a relationship between one man and one woman. Genesis 2:22 And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man made he a woman and brought her unto the man. Genesis 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. Any man made laws that will ever state otherwise is contrary to the Word of God. The sin on Sodomy is not new. **Leviticus 18:22** Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is **abomination**. **Abomination is a word God uses to describe something that stinks so bad that it can not be described in terms a human would understand.**

Genesis 6:5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Even God Repented: **Genesis 6:6** And it **repented** the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

Genesis 6:7 And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it **repenteth** me that I have made them.

Deuteronomy 32:36 For the LORD shall judge his people, and **repent** himself for his servants, when he seeth that their power is gone, and there is none shut up, or left.

OUR RELIGION WILL NOT SAVE US:

Romans 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Galatians 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

OUR GOOD WORKS WILL NOT SAVE US:

Titus 3:4 But after that the kindness and love of **God our Saviour** toward man appeared,
Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;
Titus 3:6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;
Titus 3:7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

OUR OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS WILL NOT SAVE US:

Matthew 19:17 And he said unto him, Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments.

Isaiah 64:6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

GOD MADE A WAY OF ESCAPE FROM THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH:

Romans 6:23 For the **wages of sin** is death; but the gift **of** God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

There is a trail of blood all the way back to the Garden of Eden. When man committed

the original sin through disobedience, God made killed animals and made them clothing.

The last plague on Egypt was the death of the eldest child. God told Moses to have the Children of Israel to slay their Passover lamb and apply the blood to the door post and the lintel above the door. Because of obedience the oldest child of the Children of Israel was spared for everyone that had obeyed. The Egyptians did not know to apply the blood, so the oldest child in every household of the Egyptians died when the death angel passed over Egypt. This was the first Passover. This was one of the three Feasts that the Children of Israel were commanded to observe.

A short time later, God gave the law of blood sacrifices on Mount Sinai. This law was to kill animals as a sacrifice for sin. The blood of bulls, goats, heifers, sheep and turtledoves were not sufficient to erase sin, but, would roll the sins ahead for one year at a time. The next year the sacrifice of another animal was necessary to continue to roll sins ahead for the next year. These sins WERE NOT FORGIVEN, but only rolled ahead to the next year.

Hebrews 10:4 For it is not possible that the **blood of bulls and of goats** should take away sins.

John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, **Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.**

Jesus was our Passover Lamb. He died on the cross on during the Feast of The Passover..
SIN DIED WHERE THE BLOOD FELL! This mountain of sins that had been rolled ahead year after year dissolved at the foot of the cross when the first drop of His Royal Blood fell.

1 John 2:2 And he is **the** propitiation for our **sins**: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

THIS WAS PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE SINS. The sins that had been rolled ahead stopped at Calvary. Our sins are rolled back to Calvary and Future sins will be rolled back to Calvary.

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and **the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.**

1 John 1:9 If we confess our **sins**, he is faithful and just to forgive **us** our **sins**, and to **cleanse us from all** unrighteousness.

Confess our sins is to repent. This confession is made directly to God. We do not need to confess to our minister or to each other. God alone can forgive sins, so our confession should be made to HIM alone.

Psalms 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions **from** us.

Micah 7:19 He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our

iniquities; and thou wilt cast all **their** sins into **the depths of the sea**.

Our sins are in the depths of the sea, so quit diving for them! Leave them at the altar and forgive yourself. Walk up and down the corridors of your mind and take the ugly pictures of sin off the walls. Replace them with good thoughts. God made us. He did not make a mistake. Do not allow the devil to steal the praise that you owe to God for your forgiveness.

Revelation 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the **accuser** of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

That Old Rugged Hill became a battlefield. Jesus won the battle when He said, "it is finished." The plan for redemption was complete. Jesus came forth victorious over Death, Hell and the Grave. Satan, the accuser of our brethren was defeated. Victory hung on that old Rugged Cross!

1 John 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the **Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:**

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, **HE** is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

I believe Jesus gave us a perfect example of forgiveness when the soldiers came to arrest him. Peter pulled his sword and cut off the ear of one of the High Priest servants, (soldiers). Jesus knew this would probably mean a death sentence for Peter. Jesus needed Peter to proclaim his Gospel. Peter had been given the keys to the Kingdom. Jesus said, "put up your sword." Then he stooped down, picked up the ear, put it back on the soldier and healed him. If the soldier wanted to accuse Peter of attacking him, **WHERE IS THE EVIDENCE?** Jesus erased the evidence when he healed the soldier. This is what Jesus does when we ask forgiveness, (repent). Jesus erases the evidence. Then when Satan, (the accuser), tries to bring up our past, Jesus can simply ask, "Where is your evidence?" You cannot get a conviction or judgment without evidence. He erases our sin when we repent. That sin is never remembered against us anymore.

The second favorite trick of the devil is to remind us of our past mistakes. Ask the devil, "where is your evidence?" Satan's favorite trick is to tell us that we have been so bad or have waited too long, and that God will not forgive us.

John 3:16 For **God** so loved the world, that he **gave his only begotten Son**, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

God said, that he would Repent Himself for his servants! God's gift is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Only God has the ability to forgive sins. God being a spirit, had no blood to shed. This is the reason that God made himself a body that had flesh and blood. That body was his son. The Spirit that was within that body was the spirit of the one and only God. God did not send another, He came himself. The flesh was the Son of God. The Spirit was God. This is the reason that Jesus could say, "thy sins be forgiven thee. This is the reason that Jesus could make an eye from mud and heal the blind man. This is the reason Jesus could take only five loaves and three fish and break them and multiply them to feed five thousand, beside the women and children and then take up twelve baskets full of the fragments. He was not, just a man. He was

God manifested in the flesh.

1 Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is **the** mystery of **godliness: God was manifest in the flesh**, justified **in the** Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto **the** Gentiles, believed on **in the** world, received up **into** glory.

Acts 1:9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

Acts 1:10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

Acts 1:11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Luke 24:47 And that **repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.**

Acts 2:36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Acts 2:37 Now 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?

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 2:39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.