

TRUE REPENTANCE

INTRODUCTION

We shall be considering a topic that is taught more and more sparingly in religious circles and not given the required attention and exposition that it deserves at the very start of one coming to the knowledge of the Lord as a sinner. The word itself and its derivatives are gradually fading away from most Christian lexicon in usage and in sermons; having been subtly substituted by other wordings which are not biblically derived, but made up by the Ministers of the People (MOPs) of the Churches as business organization (CAO) for the purpose of merchandizing of souls. **Rev 18:11-13; Jn 2:13-16**

We shall be treating a topic centered on “Repentance” that is true. Unfortunately, many of the CAO do not use that word any longer in presenting their another gospel to the world today during their sermons and altar call sessions. Rather they have devised well crafted words based on the wisdom of men like “Give your life to Jesus” or “Surrender your life to Christ” or “Make Jesus as your Lord and Saviour”, etc, but never “Repent or you shall perish” or “Repent and be converted” or “Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sin” which are based on the words and wisdom of God. **Lk 13:1-5; Acts 2:38; Acts 3:19**

The question is “Does these two wordings “Give your life” and “Repent” in the presentation of the gospel mean the same thing? Or are sinners expected to reason out by themselves that it means the same thing? Which it doesn’t – “Give your life to Christ” is not a synonym for “Repent”, so be not deceived for they are of different meanings. Why is it that the wordings have changed over time? and what other meanings do the new words convey to a sinner hearing them? Is it misleading? Which one did Christ use and command us to use in the preaching of the true gospel? Which one is according to the wisdom of God or the enticing words of men’s wisdom? **Mtt 4:17; I Cor 2:1-5**

What is the word of reconciliation that Christ sent us forth to preach in the gospel? These and so many other questions we look forward to getting answers from this literature as it were. Those that are not given to a revelational walk with the Lord would always trivialize these things falling prey to the subtlety of the Devil, but not so for the spiritually minded that cling unto the Master and his doctrine.

Repentance as the English dictionary defines it is “The condition of being penitent; a feeling of regret or remorse for doing wrong or sinning”. Penitent is “Feeling pain or sorrow on account of sins or offenses; contrite; sincerely affected by a sense of guilt and resolve on amendment of life”. Having these dictionary definitions we shall search the Bible in our discuss to derive biblical meanings for Repentance also.

THE CONCEPT OF REPENTANCE

The concept of repentance was devised for human beings. This came into play by reason of the fall of the formed Man called Adam, who was made mortal consequently in order to allow for repentance to come into play before any reconciliation with God could be made possible. Before then, an angel, called Lucifer had also fallen and there was no such provision for repentance as an option available for him since he was not made to partake of flesh and blood like Adam was. Rather it is only a fearful looking for execution of judgment and fiery indignation of God in the lake of fire that awaits him and his fallen angels and all men that refuse to seek repentance with God. Where there is no transgression or sin there is no need for repentance, but by reason of the Adamic sin, all have sinned and come short of the glory of God and have need for repentance for redemption sake. **Mtt 25:41; Rom 3:23; Rom 5:12-14**

Repentance is not a concept found operational in heaven amongst the angels or hosts of heaven neither does God the Father repent, being a Spirit rather it was a concept that was introduced as a means by which ultimately the Son of man, Jesus Christ, our Mediator could reconcile Man with God the Father unto our being restored back to the heavenly nature at the end, as Man was created and formed in the beginning. Repentance through Christ is the key to being justified and reconciled to God the Father. No such provision was made for reconciliation of fallen angels like Satan and co, with God the Father. Celestial beings do not repent but terrestrial beings do, being flesh and blood. The fallen man was made a little lower than the angels for this purpose. **I Sam 15:29; Gen 6:3; Hebr 2:6-10; Ezek 28:1-19**

Num 23:19 God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

Jude 1:6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

I Tim 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;

Acts 13:38 Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: **Vr.39** And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

Jesus the Christ was made flesh and blood as the Son of man so that through his crucifixion and resurrection, repentance and remission of sins can be preached to all men. It is through the blood of Jesus Christ foundationally that we obtain eternal redemption at the end. And we enter into that blood covenant with God at the beginning through repentance and baptism. **Hebr 9:12,15,22; Jn 1:14,29; Hebr 2:14-16; Rev 13:8**

Lk 24:46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: **Vr.47** And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Acts 5:30-32 (Vr.30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. **Vr.31** Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

Without repentance there can be no forgiveness of sins with God and through baptism in the name of Jesus Christ thereafter, remission of sins is made possible. **Acts 2:38**

Lk 3:1-20 (Vr.3 And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins;

Acts 19:4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. **Vr.5** When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus [*for the remission of sins*].

WHAT EXACTLY IS REPENTANCE?

Repentance is a derivative of the word repent. And the English dictionary defines “Repent” as to be sorry for sin as morally evil and to seek forgiveness; to cease to love and practice sin.

We are going to see some Scriptural verses and examples pertaining unto repentance in order to decipher its true meaning from the Bible perspective also. Repentance is required from those that have sinned and who work iniquity in their hearts. Without iniquity and sin being committed there is no need for repentance. **Gen 6:5; Rom 5:12-14**

Rom 3:9 What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; **Vr.10** As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: **Vr.11** There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God [*in repentance*]. **Vr.12** They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. **Vr.13** Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: **Vr.14** Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: **Vr.15** Their feet are swift to shed blood: **Vr.16** Destruction and misery are in their ways: **Vr.17** And the way of peace have they not known: **Vr.18** There is no fear of God before their eyes. **Vr.23** For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Isa 55:6 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: **Vr.7** Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts [*for the carnal mind is enmity against God – Rom 8:7; Colo 1:21*]: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Ps 41:4 I said, LORD, be merciful unto me: heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee [*this is what repentance entails*].

Joel 2:12 Therefore also now, saith the LORD, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: **Vr.13** And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil [*even as you repenteth of your evil works – Jonah 4:2; Jer 18:5-11*].

Lk 18: 13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. **Vr.14** I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

2 Chron 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Jer 35:15 I have sent also unto you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, Return ye now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and go not after other gods to serve them, and ye shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers: but ye have not inclined your ear, nor hearkened unto me.

Ps 51:1 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. **Vr.2** Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. **Vr.3** For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is

ever before me. **Vr.4** Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.

Job 33:23-29 (Vr.26 He shall pray unto God, and he will be favourable unto him: and he shall see his face with joy: for he will render unto man his righteousness. **Vr.27** He looketh upon men, and if any say, I have sinned, and perverted that which was right, and it profited me not; **Vr.28** He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light.

Job 34:31 Surely it is meet to be said unto God, I have borne chastisement, I will not offend any more: **Vr.32** That which I see not teach thou me: if I have done iniquity, I will do no more.

From the foregoing we can clearly see that repentance is a heartfelt cry for mercy and forgiveness from God by a humbled sinner, having a contrite heart and a broken spirit, and followed up by amending of his wicked doings and a turning away from his evil ways as it were. Today, many pay lips service to repentance by answering an altar call publicly while continuing in their sinful lifestyle thereafter, declaring it is small small, deceiving their own selves. So many confess their sins with their mouth and believe in their heart that God has forgiven them but still continue in their sinful ways without forsaking thereby deceiving themselves. That is not a show of true belief. Yet the CAO encourage them in that state telling them that they are already forgiven by God and need to forgive their selves – what an erroneous doctrine – sinners do not have power to forgive themselves by themselves. Confessing sins without forsaking them is a false or feigned repentance. **Ps 51:17; Isa 57:15; Isa 66:2; Job 34:31-32; Mk 2:1-12; Jn 5:14**

Lk 19:1-10 (Vr.7 And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner. **Vr.8** And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.

In all the ages past God had sent His prophets to call His people, the children of Israel, unto repentance from their backsliding ways and be reconciled unto Him, which they refused. But in these last days the Father hath sent His only begotten Son Jesus Christ as a last resort, to die for the sin of the whole world that all those that believe in him might seek to be reconciled to Him through His Son unto receiving eternal salvation and life everlasting under the new covenant unlike repentance under the old covenant. **Hebr 1:1-2; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Rom 5:10**

Acts 11:18 When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

2 Cor 7: 9 Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. **Vr.10**

For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

Repentance unto salvation is the way of seeking redemption from God by a sinner, in the form of cleansing and forgiveness for his iniquities, trespasses, disobedience to God by him forsaking his evil thoughts, ways and turning to God in righteousness. Repentance is the pathway that God has provided for the healing of the souls of men from the sickness and infirmity thereof called iniquity and sin. It is the prerogative of God to show mercy on whom He wants to show mercy and hardeneth whom He pleaseth and that is why you need to seek Him for this healing.

Rom 9:15-19; Mtt 5:7; Mtt 7:6-8; Ezek 18:4,20; Isa 53:5-6,10-12; Jn 12:38-40

The word “Repent” is a judgment statement from God’s sent messengers to sinners meant to prick their hearts concerning their sinful state and the judgment of wrath from God that awaits such that change not their ways. Unfortunately, the CAO because they have respect of persons even where sinners are concerned have chosen their own political and religious correct words such as “Give your life to Jesus”, “Make Christ your Saviour”, etc in order not to offend the sensitivity of sinners, while offending the sensitivity of Christ who did not send them with such words in his gospel. Sinners do not have power to “give their lives to Christ” rather it is Christ that gave his life for them in order that they might receive repentance from God and receive life from the Son. **Jn 10:14-18; Jn 6:33,51; Mtt 20:28; Lk 13:1-5**

THE PRIMARY FOCUS OF REPENTANCE IS UNTO GOD THE FATHER

The first man, Adam sinned against God the Father by disobeying the very first commandment that God gave him to keep by which all mankind fell into sin and death. So repentance is aimed at the sinner obtaining mercy from God in order to be justified or made righteous by Him in His sight from thence forward. It is the pathway of ultimate reconciliation of man with God through His Son Jesus Christ. It is against God and Him primarily we have sinned and come short of His glory. Therefore, repentance does not mean “give your life to Christ”.

There is repentance under the Old Testament and there is repentance under the New Testament. The latter leadeth unto the Common Salvation under a new covenant terms by the faith of Christ Jesus that grants us Eternal Salvation at the end which was not possible under the old covenant and its Law terms. Through genuine repentance a sinner is made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus which is a divine conversion process accomplished only by God’s grace and not by man’s desire. **2 Cor 5:21; Rom 3:22; Eph 2:12-18**

2 Cor 5:17-21 (Vr.18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ [*that is what repentance means or is aimed at – reconciliation with God through the sacrifice of the Lamb of God on the cross*], **Vr.19** To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto

himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

Rom 5: 1-11 (Vr.1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: **Vr.8** But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. **Vr.9** Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. **Vr.10** For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. **Vr.11** And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

Colo 1:12-14 (Vr.12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: **Vr.13** Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: **Vr.14** In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

Acts 3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; **Vr.20** And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: **Vr.26** Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you [*How?*], in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

Mtt 13:15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

The aim of repentance is for reconciliation of sinners with God the Father through the redemption that is by Christ Jesus. It is the Father that sent Christ into the world to accomplish this task through his death.

Colo 1:19-22 (Vr.20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. **Vr.21** And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled. **Vr.22** In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight:

Repentance is toward God the Father and faith toward His Son Jesus Christ. Unfortunately the CAO lack this knowledge and therefore preach “give your life to Christ” rather than “Repent and be reconciled unto God first”. No one can come unto the knowledge of the Son except the Father draweth him and no one cometh unto the true understanding of who the Father is except the Son revealeth such unto him; for this is the divine pathway for our coming into fellowship with the Father and the Son as orchestrated by the Holy Spirit. **Lk 10:21-22; I Jn 1:3**

Acts 20:20-21 (Vr.21) Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 26:19-20 (Vr.20) But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

Jn 14:1 Ye believe in God, believe also in me.

Jn 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. **Vr.44** No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. **Vr.45** It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me. **Vr.65** And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

We draw nigh to God by seeking repentance from Him and He draws us nigh unto Himself by granting us repentance and these are all accomplished on the premise of the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. **Jam 4:8**

MEN SEEK REPENTANCE WHILE GOD GRANTS REPENTANCE

It is the duty or responsibility of men that are sinners to seek out God in order to find Him that He might give them repentance, by acknowledging and confessing their sins unto Him. No sinner taketh on repentance by himself rather it is God that giveth it to all those that genuinely seek it of Him from a sincere heart having godly sorrow which He stirs up in them. **Deu 4:29-31; Hosea 10:12; Jer 50:20**

A sinner has to come to the intense realization of his wretched state in sin and his need for deliverance from such a damnable condition and the wrath of God awaiting all those that doeth unrighteousness at the end unto seeking to be made right with God. He is ready to sacrifice all the proceeds of his sinful life for this cause. Unfortunately many still love sin and the pleasures of it and therefore say that they repent only small, small after their "altar call" episode. This does not show that one had received true repentance at all. **2 Cor 7:11; Rom 1:18-32; Lk 8:14; 2 Tim 3:1-7; Hebr 11:24-27; Lk 5:4-11; Lk 19:7-10**

Rom 7:14-25 (Vr. 24) O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

Lk 3:2-18 (Vr.7 Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

Hosea 5:15 I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early.

Jer 29:10-14 (Vr.12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. **Vr.13** And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. **Vr.14** And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity,

Ps 32:1-6 (Vr.5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah. **Vr.6** For this shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

Isa 55:6 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: **Vr.7** Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

It is only God that grants repentance to any sinner, backslider or rebellious one. It is not in the power of any man to come unto repentance by himself or by his own self-will or determination. Rather it is only by God extending His mercy unto such a one that seeks for mercy from Him and giving him grace to be able to forsake his old sinful ways. Unfortunately, many have been made to believe erroneously by the CAO in their another gospel that it is them that can take on repentance by themselves as sinners whenever they feel like and however they like. How? that it is in their power to determine when to “accept Christ” and when to “give their life” to him as they willeth or chooseth and which day they want to become saved and born again through answering an altar call, but this is not true. Why?

Rom 9:14-19 (Vr.15 For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. **Vr.16** So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy. **Vr.18** Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth.

Jn 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you,

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.

It is not all sorrow that a man experiences that brings about true repentance that is unto salvation rather it is the sorrow that is Spirit inspired that does – that is how God initiates His

call in your heart. Until a man submits or yields to that sorrow in his heart he cannot receive repentance from God or the forgiveness of his sins. A man that repents having worldly sorrow would be rejected of God. It is God that giveth repentance or withholdeth it as He pleaseth. Examples of those whom God withheld repentance from are Esau, Pharaoh, King Saul, Judas Iscariot, Simon the sorcerer, etc. **Hebr 12:16-17; Rom 9:17-18; Mtt 27:3-5; Acts 8:9-13,17-24; 2 Sam 7:15**

2 Cor 7:1,8-11 (Vr.1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God [*not in the fear of man*]. **Vr.8** For though I made you sorry with a letter, I do not repent, though I did repent: for I perceive that the same epistle hath made you sorry, **Vr.9** Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. **Vr.10** For godly sorrow [*the sorrow that is a result of the fear of God*] worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of [*again, but in the CAO their adherents repeatedly give their lives to Christ severally – this is due to an error in doctrine/teaching that genders worldly sorrow in men*]: but the sorrow of the world [*sorrow that is as a result of the fear of men or of evil*] worketh death. **Vr.11** For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort [*How? recognizing that it is against God alone that you have sinned not just against man*], what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge!

It is the LORD that leadeth men unto repentance and it is He that giveth repentance. It is the leading of God that worketh godly sorrow in the heart of sinners unto their receiving the repentance that is unto salvation. If a man calls upon God and God hath not called him such cannot be given repentance as it were. It is God that worketh in and through the heart of a sinner by His Spirit to bring him to repentance, without which your repentance would be of your own works where forth you shall glory in. This is not acceptable in the sight of God as His way of righteousness. No matter how much you call upon God and choose Christ by yourself, if God has not called you by His mercy, then Christ cannot choose you. Our God is the LORD that doeth all things. Many lack this knowledge and therefore do not seek God in repentance as sinners for starters. **Acts 8:9-24; Acts 5:1-11; Jn 6:37,44-45,64-66; Mtt 11:16-20; 2 Tim 1:9; 2 Pet 1:10; Tit 3:4-7**

Acts 2:37-41 (Vr.21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. **Vr.37** Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart [*by the Spirit of God*], and [*sought repentance from God who alone gives it unto our repenting*] said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? **Vr.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, **Vr.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. **Vr.47** Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Rom 2:1-10 (Vr.4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

2 Pet 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. **Vr.15** And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation;

If you do not ask ye shall in no wise receive also. Repentance is not by chance, by mistake, by coercion, or is it by proxy. Repentance is not received in ignorance but in understanding and a heartfelt request for it. Each individual has to encounter God himself personally for it and not corporately as it were. **Mtt 7:7**

Job 33:23-30 (Vr.26 He shall pray unto God, and he will be favourable unto him: and he shall see his face with joy: for he will render unto man his righteousness. **Vr.27** He looketh upon men, and if any say, I have sinned, and perverted that which was right, and it profited me not; **Vr.28** He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light. **Vr.29** Lo, all these things worketh God oftentimes with man, **Vr.30** To bring back his soul from the pit, to be enlightened with the light of the living.

If you are not consciously seeking repentance from God then you cannot receive repentance from Him as well. Repentance is a conscious act and not an unconscious one. **Rom 3:9-12; Jam 4:7-10**

HOW MEN OUGHT TO SEEK REPENTANCE FROM GOD?

Men seek repentance from God in prayers, fasting, weeping unto doing righteousness and abhorring their wickedness, having the fear of God. The people of old repented in dust and ashes, in sackcloth. **Neh 9:1-2; Isa 58:1-14; Job 42:5-6; Dan 9:1-21; Jonah 3:1-10; Joel 2:12-13; 2 Chron 7:14**

A sinner that is truly contrite is broken in spirit, humbled at heart, a bruised reed, brokenhearted, acknowledging his vileness and pitiable state before God and makes an earnest cry for mercy, forgiveness and redemption from God. He is ever ready to make amends in order to be made right with God, but such scenes are rare amongst those that answer altar calls today, rather they come out pompously, haughtily, and nonchalantly as it were. **Acts 10:1-2, 31-35; Acts 2:35-37; Mtt 12:20; Lk 4:18; Jam 4:6-10**

Lk 18:9-14 (Vr.13 And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. **Vr.14** I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

Mtt 11:20-24 (Vr.20 Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not: **Vr.21** Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. **Vr.22** But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you. **Vr.23** And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell:

Ps 32:4-9 (Vr.4 For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: **Vr.5** I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah. **Vr.6** For this shall every one that is godly [*that has godly sorrow*] pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found [*Why?*]: surely in the floods of great waters [*the time of wrath and judgment*] they shall not come nigh unto him. **Vr.8** I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go [*to come unto me in repentance –there is an acceptable way to go about true repentance but not as the CAO teaches today*]: I will guide thee with mine eye. **Vr.9** Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding [*which is exactly what the CAO have made their adherents to be*]: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.

Ps 51:1 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. **Vr.2** Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. **Vr.3** For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. **Vr.4** Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest. **Vr.5** Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. **Vr.6** Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom [*without which a sinner cannot come unto true repentance*]. **Vr.9** Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. **Vr.17** The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Jer. 3:12 Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the LORD; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the LORD, and I will not keep anger for ever. **Vr.13** Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the LORD thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith the LORD. **Vr.14** Turn, O backsliding

children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion:

Mtt 6:32-33 (Vr.33) But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness;

Lk 23:34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. **Vr.39** And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. **Vr.40** But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? **Vr.41** And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. **Vr.42** And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. **Vr.43** And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

Those who seek God through Christ in an acceptable way and at an acceptable time shall find Him; otherwise He would be hidden from such. There is an acceptable way and time to seek God when He may be found else you cannot have repentance truly nor find Him. Many of the CAO take the grace and mercy of God in vain continuing in sin while claiming that grace shall abound - be not deceived for God is not mocked what a man soweth so shall he reap. The way of repentance unto salvation is a strait way, many shall seek to enter but shall not, only but a few shall. **Hebr 12:28; Hebr 4:7-8; Hebr 3:7-8,12-16; Ps 32:4-9; Rom 6:1-2; Gal 6:7-8; Mtt 25:1-13; Hosea 5:5-7**

Jn 8:19 Then said they unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye neither know me, nor my Father: if ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also. **Vr.21** Then said Jesus again unto them, I go my way, and ye shall seek me [but shall not find me any longer], and shall die in your sins: whither I go, ye cannot come.

Lk 13:23-30 (Vr.23) Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, **Vr.24** Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able. **Vr.25** When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are:

2 Cor 6:1 We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. **Vr.2** (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)

Those that the LORD does not give true repentance cannot find God or know Him truly, though they continue to deceive themselves with their CAO MOPs that they know Him and His Christ. How does one find God? It is by revelation that the Father gives you concerning His Son Jesus

Christ and the very first manifestation that you have come unto the revelation of the Son and believed the Father is shown by your coming unto true repentance through having understanding of what it entails and doing it. **Jn 12:38; Lk 10:21-22; Jn 5:39-40; Mtt 11:20-30; Rom 3:8-18; Mtt 16:15-17**

HOW DOES GOD GIVE MEN REPENTANCE?

God convicts men in their heart of sin, of righteousness and of judgment by His Spirit and Word unto their receiving godly sorrow to believe and repent of their sins unto forsaking them by the grace that He bestows upon them. Therefore, God gives them forgiveness of sins as they submit to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of their sins and by faith purifies their hearts and conscience, releasing His grace upon them to begin to produce fruits of righteousness. And that is how they truly receive repentance and remission of sins from God without which their sin remaineth. **Acts 2:37-41; Lk 24:44-45; Acts 15:9; Jn 8:23-24**

Some men are pricked in their hearts unto worldly sorrow that still leadeth to death, while others are pricked in their hearts having godly sorrow unto receiving repentance to salvation. **Acts 7:51-58; 2 Cor 7:9-11; Acts 2:36-41; Acts 5:29-35**

Men ought to seek the Lord for repentance while it is those that find Him by Him revealing His Son unto them that He gives repentance. Any man that God hides Himself from cannot receive repentance from God. Example King Saul, the children of Israel at times, the Gentiles in the time of old, etc. **1 Sam 28:4-7; Hosea 13:12-16; Rom 11:7-11; Acts 10:30-33,36-43; Jn 6:44,64-65**

Acts 15:7-11 (Vr.7 And when there had been much disputing, Peter rose up, and said unto them, Men and brethren, ye know how that a good while ago God made choice among us, that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, and believe. **Vr.8** And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness [How?], giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; **Vr.9** And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.

Acts 22:6-16 (Vr.14 And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth. **Vr.15** For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard. **Vr.16** And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

Repentance involves the opening of the eyes, the ears and the heart to know and understand the truth, in order that one may be converted. It is God that closeth the eyes, the ears and the heart of understanding of the fallen man under the captivity of sin and therefore it is only Him that can open them through repentance unto liberating them from sin. It is only God that can

give a man ears to hear, eyes to see and a heart to understand spiritually; for such things are foolishness unto the natural man. **Acts 26:18; Rom 8:20-21; Rom 11:7-10; Mtt 13:15**

True repentance is not gotten through a lie or being in ignorance, rather it is gotten through the knowledge of the truth in Christ Jesus and in understanding. Without divine enlightenment a man cannot obtain true repentance. Sinners are dead, lost in darkness and need to come to the light and see in order to be saved. Until a sinner acknowledges this truth in Christ, he will still remain in sin, justifying his sinfulness or claiming self-righteousness unto rejecting repentance. **Lk 1:77-79; Jn 1:7-9; Jn 8:32,36; Job 33:26-30; I Cor 2:9-14; I Jn 1:1-10; Lk 18:9-14; Lk 13:1-5**

Mtt 4:16 The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

Jn 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

Jn 9:39 And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind. **Vr.40** And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also? **Vr.41** Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.

Eph 1:17-20 (Vr.17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: **Vr.18** The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

Therefore, no man can take repentance unto himself or repent by his own self-will, rather it has to be given unto him by God. Why? Because no man can by himself open his own eyes being blind or open his own ears being deaf nor give himself spiritual understanding except God by His Spirit at work in him.

Jn 12:37-43 (Vr.38 That the saying of Esaias the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed? **Vr.39** Therefore they could not believe [Why?], because that Esaias said again, **Vr.40** He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, and I should heal them. **Vr.41** These things said Esaias, when he saw his glory [which he hadn't been allowed to see before now], and spake of him. **Vr.42** Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: **Vr.43** For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

Acts 16:10-15 (Vr.13 And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither. **Vr.14** And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul. **Vr.15** And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.

Repentance involves or entails the turning of a man's heart unto God in order to do righteousness, works meet for repentance, from thence forward in accordance to the will of God and this is only possible by the power of God, His grace at work in you. From the beginning to the end it is God that worketh in and through us to do His will as it pleaseth Him. **Hosea 11:8; Lk 3:8-14; Phil 2:13**

Acts 26:12-23 (Vr.17 Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, **Vr.18** To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me **Vr.20** But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

Question: Who is it that can turn a man's heart? It is God alone that can truly do that and not man or the sinner himself. No man can save himself or another man except God but unfortunately the CAO and their adherents deceive and pride themselves in the number of souls that they have saved or won by themselves. Therefore they glory in the presence of their fellow men and God, what an error. It is by the grace of God that we are saved and not of any man's works. **Prov 21:1; Prov 16:9; Mtt 19:24-26; I Cor 1:29-31; Lk 15:17-19; Eph 1:8-10**

Ezek 36:23-36 (Vr.26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.

Ps 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

It is God that justifies those that He grants repentance, forgiveness and remission of sins, not men as the CAO MOPs do at their feigned altar call mouth only confession rituals of today without their bringing forth works meet for repentance subsequently. Confession without the follow up doing is vain, but that is the order of the day preached to many for them to be saved by the CAO. **Mtt 21:28-32; Mtt 23:2-3; Rom 2:13; Jam 1:22-25; Mtt 7:16-20; Rom 3:23-26**

Acts 8:21 Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. **Vr.22** Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

Lk 18:9-14 (Vr.13) And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. **Vr.14** I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other:

Majority of those that come out for the altar calls of today exhibit worldly sorrow that they repent of over and over again in getting Born again several times over. They are the “Born Against(s)” that are yet being held down in the bond of sin still. Why? Because it was not God that gave them repentance but rather it was their CAO MOPs that did, having cajoled them and assured them falsely that God has forgiven them even as they assure themselves in their false doctrines which they teach and preach.

If God truly gives you repentance unto salvation as a sinner you would not need to have to repent unto salvation over and over again. There is a repentance that is unto conversion and there is a repentance that is unto transformation. A sinner experiences the former in order to become a saint of God (a new man), while a saint experiences the latter in order to continuously be sanctified and renewed in his mind and body, striving unto perfection in the Word and Spirit as it were. **I Jn 1:5-10; I Jn 2:1-6; Hebr 12:1-15; Tit 3:1-8; Rom 12:1-3**

Until a sinner hears and acknowledges the truth in the gospel of salvation and not just any other gospel, he cannot come unto true repentance and it is only God that can reveal this truth in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ in the heart of a sinner that truly believes the Resurrection gospel. Many repent today unto the acknowledging and belief of a lie and the doing of it thereof. These subsequently repent again and again unfortunately due to the another gospel that the CAO peddle in their sermons which they believe.

The true repentance that need not be repented of again that leads to the Common salvation is gotten through receiving godly sorrow in your heart from God on hearing the truth of the kingdom and forsaking your sinful ways unto walking righteously before God from thenceforth. Subsequently, Christ makes such person a partaker of the heavenly gift, the Holy Ghost unto tasting the powers of the world to come. That is why for such an one to eventually end up falling away from this recovered path it would be hard for him to be renewed unto repentance by God again, seeing that he has crucified to himself the Son of God afresh and put him to an open shame. **2 Tim 2:24-26; Acts 5:32**

2 Cor 7:10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death [*that needs to be repented of over and over again*].

Hebr 6:4-12 (Vr.4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened [*by the Word of truth by which he received true repentance at the beginning*], and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, **Vr.5** And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, **Vr.6** If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

HOW DOES ONE COME UNTO TRUE REPENTANCE?

The True or genuine repentance we are talking about here is premised on the knowledge of the truth that comes only by Jesus Christ the Son of God by whom all men that believe are meant to be reconciled to God through the remission of their sin by the blood of the Lamb that was shed to take away the sin of the world. Sinners are meant through the true resurrection gospel to come unto the knowledge of the wrath of God that awaits all those that die in their sins and for them to flee from it by coming unto repentance through Christ Jesus. Those that do not receive and believe such repentance message in the gospel preached to them usually do not come unto true repentance as it were. **Lk 13:1-5; Mtt 11:20-24**

There is repentance based on the knowledge of the Law being under the Old Covenant era but this is not the one that we refer to as the true repentance in this literature, please take note. True repentance found under the New Covenant is the one that leads to eternal salvation by the faith of our Lord Jesus as it were. There is the word of God given according to the Law and the Prophets and there is the word of God according to Jesus Christ, the words of Christ. It is the latter that brings you to true repentance and not the former but many have not this knowledge in them. True repentance comes about by God's forgiveness of our sins because of Christ's sake only. Sinners called unto repentance through the man Jesus Christ and not through any other are the ones that can come unto true repentance. **Lk 10:21-22; Jn 7:14-19; Mk 2:17; Eph 4:32; Acts 4:10-12; Acts 26:18; Acts 13:44-49**

Jn 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. **Vr.6** Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Jn 5:39 Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. **Vr.40** And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. **Vr.45** Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust. **Vr.46** For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. **Vr.47** But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

Jn 1:15-17 (Vr.16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. **Vr.17** For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

Rom 10:8-17 (Vr.13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. **Vr.14** How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? **Vr.15** And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! **Vr.16** But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? **Vr.17** So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

No man can take this repentance unto himself rather it is the Lord that giveth it in order to save you. It is from amongst those that the Lord calleth that He giveth repentance when they accept His call. Without being called of God and given repentance and forgiveness by God no man's sin can be remitted for him to be saved and it is the Lord that doeth all these things but men are unaware; many have been made to think through the preaching of the CAO that it is by their own self-will. It is God that truly moves a man's heart to seek repentance and forgiveness from Him and not anything or anyone else as it were. **Rom 8:28**

Lk 15:11-32,21 (Vr.17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! **Vr.18** I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,

When God leads a man to repentance, He brings him first unto the knowledge of the truth pertaining to the kingdom of God, so that his eyes might be opened and his heart convicted. It behooves the man to accept to repent and believe, in order to be turned from darkness to light, unrighteousness to righteousness, and from the power of Satan unto God, if not such cannot receive true repentance. Unfortunately, today it is the CAO MOPs that cajole men to "give their life" through all manner of cunningness, trickery and enticing words by their another gospel sermons, preaching worldly prosperity and all manner of things pertaining unto this world instead. Thereafter, they make their attendant open show temple worship ritualistic altar calls unto a feigned salvation. **Mtt 13:18-23**

No one gets saved by the preaching of the prosperity gospel of this world, but rather by the salvation gospel of the kingdom. The true altar call of God is in the secrecy of your heart and not in the openness of the pulpit as it were; for that is men's own altar call not that of God, wherein men glory in the flesh of how many souls they have saved by their own labour. **Mtt 5:5-8; Lk 18:9-14; Acts 10:1-4; Gal 6:12-14**

Hebr 3:7 Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice [*in your heart*]), **Vr.8** Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: **Vr.15**

While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice [*not the voice of your CAO MOP*], harden not your hearts, as in the provocation. **Vr.16** For some, when they had heard, did provoke:

Acts 26:12-18 (Vr.18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

If the true word of eternal life is not preached to a man, his belief and repentance cannot be true. The CAO MOPs preach the another gospel by which they cajole men to repent falsely unto a feigned salvation. Ye must hear the right words of truth by which ye shall be saved and not the wrong words (cum lies) by which ye shall be damned. Ye are begotten by the word of truth.

Rom 10:8-17; Acts 10:30-44; Acts 19:1-7; I Pet 1:1-3,21-23,25; Jn 20:31

Acts 11:11-15 (Vr.13 And he shewed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter; **Vr.14** Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved. **Vr.15** And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning.

Jn 6:59-69 (Vr.66 From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. **Vr.67** Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? **Vr.68** Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. **Vr.69** And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.

It is God that sends and directs a man path to the right preacher or teacher of the true gospel that has the right words of the kingdom, the words of eternal life to preach unto him for him to seek that repentance from God that is true by which he shall be saved. if not there is no way you can be saved except deceitfully by men's feigned pronouncement of such over you to no avail after preaching their own words that is according to the wisdom of men or that of the letters of the Old Testament, which yet leadeth to death. Many have taken unto themselves repentance that is vain by hearkening unto the preaching of the another gospel that focuses them on seeking the things of this world even as the Gentiles do. You cannot come unto true repentance without receiving the true gospel of the kingdom that is in Christ Jesus. **Mtt 13:18-23; Acts 10:1-8; Acts 9:3-18**

Every sinner that receives true repentance having heard and believed the word of truth is humbled by the Spirit and receives grace from God to immediately forsake his known sins and may find himself suddenly detesting such sins from thenceforth. He does not continue in them thereafter claiming it is small, small or seek to reform and justify some sinful acts of his in order to still continue in them. Those that do that have not received true repentance or grace to forsake sins as it were. You cannot receive true repentance and still be comfortable in your old unrighteous ways. **Jam 4:6-10; 2 Cor 7:10-11**

TRUE REPENTANCE IS BY THE SPIRIT CONVICTION

For true or genuine repentance to take place it must begin with a heart conviction that is Spirit of truth motivated which is premised on the word of truth concerning the work of God accomplished through Christ Jesus for our salvation and not based on motivational speaking, prosperity gospel, emotional hypes and old wives fables. There is a repentance meant for salvation purposes which is made possible by believing the word of salvation that is in Christ for the conversion of a sinner to a saint and his producing fruits meet for repentance by the grace of God thereafter. And there is repentance that the new man that is being refined, renewed and sanctified unto perfection by the Word undergoes; for example new converts that fall for one temptation or the other being weak in faith, or found in besetting sin that they need to repent of. There are repentances that one undergoes in making your ways right with Christ as you encounter the refining word of truth daily in this newness of life walk. There is difference between repentance meant for reconciling sinners with God for conversion sake and that required by the saints in maintaining a life of righteousness and holiness due to the renewing of their minds unto godliness for sanctification sake – this one is a sieving process. **I Jn 2:1-3; Hebr 12:1-15; Rom 15:1; I Pet 1:2; I Thess 4:1-8; Hebr 11:6**

Jn 16:7-13 (Vr.7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. **Vr.8** And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin [*this is the first step towards repentance*], and of righteousness, and of judgment: **Vr.9** Of sin, because they believe not on me; **Vr.13** Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth [*without the knowledge of which true repentance cannot be possible*]:

Rom 14:23 And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

Hebr 6:1-12 (Vr.1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, **Vr.2** Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. **Vr.4** For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, **Vr.5** And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, **Vr.6** If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

The Spirit conviction that leads to true repentance is based on your receiving the knowledge of the truth and not on a lie. Without conviction that is by the truth, true repentance cannot be attained. True repentance that is of the Spirit is grace enabled. This empowers the new convert

to be able to walk in the newness of life that he has received unto producing godly fruits. This is grace and truth at work in him. **Jn 1:17**

Rom 7:4 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. **Vr.6** But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.

The CAO MOPs through the preaching of the another gospel convict men unto receiving a feigned repentance that need to be repented of over and over again at their hearing of different another gospel sermons at different times in the future thereafter. It is of a fleshly conviction that brings about worldly sorrow rather than godly sorrow. By these, the adherents of the CAO “give their lives and take their lives back” repeatedly at will according to changing circumstances and situations to varied CAO MOPs that feed their lustful desires by their alluring sermons. **2 Tim 4:3-4; Titus 1:9-14; I Tim 6:3-5**

Before the coming of the Spirit of truth under the New Testament men were being convicted by their conscience and fleshly mind in turning away from their sins or errors and for those under the Old Testament by the knowledge of the Law dictates as it were. But now under the New Testament, the Spirit conviction has the conscience bearing witness to the truth that is in Christ Jesus and brings about a purging of your conscience of sins and the guilt thereof by the blood of Jesus. This was not possible under the Old Covenant era. **Rom 9:1; Hebr 8:8-12; Hebr 10:1-4; I Jn 1:5-10; Rom 8:3-4**

Rom 2:11-15 (Vr.11 For there is no respect of persons with God. **Vr.12** For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law; **Vr.14** For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: **Vr.15** Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)

Jn 8:2-11 (Vr.7 So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her. **Vr.9** And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last:

Hebr 9:8-14 (Vr.9 Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; **Vr.13** For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: **Vr.14** How much more shall the blood of

Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works [*in true repentance*] to serve the living God?

Those that do not receive the truth-based conviction from the Spirit of truth cannot be baptized by the Spirit thereafter. This was the case with Simon the sorcerer, Ananias and Sapphira, etc unlike the case of Saul surnamed Paul, Cornelius the centurion, Peter, etc.. **Acts 8:9-23; Acts 5:30-32**

Lk 22:31-32 (**Vr.31** And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, **Vr.32** But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

God gives a sinner the measure of faith by the Spirit required for him to seek repentance and act on it when given in order to produce fruits meet for repentance thereafter. One needs to hear the word of faith, accept and believe the truth before such can repent and be given repentance by God. If you hear a lie and believe in it you shall repent in a lie, but if you hear the truth you would truly repent. The CAO MOPs preach the truth in a lie due to the wisdom of men that they operate by, but no lie is of the truth. They hold the truth in unrighteousness professing themselves to be wise in their deceit. **Rom 12:3; I Jn 2:21; Rom 1:18-23; Jn 15:3**

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. **Vr.37** Now when they heard this [*heard what? The word of salvation*], they were pricked in their heart [*by the Spirit*], and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? **Vr.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.

True repentance that is of the Spirit conviction brings about first, the conversion of the sinner into a saint (that is being made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus - a new man) and secondly, his transformation thereafter through the renewal of his mind by the Spirit (through consecration and sanctification by the word), but the repentance that is of man transforms a sinner into a religious CAO bigot still in his sins without him undergoing divine conversion unknowing to him as it were. Such a person is but a religiously vain transformed old man and not a spiritually converted new man. He subsequently becomes a disciple of his CAO MOP and not a true disciple of Christ as it were. **2 Cor 11:13-15; 1 Tim 6:3-11; Jam 1:19-27; I Cor 7:23; I Cor 3:1-5; I Cor 1:12-13; Colo 3:5-10; Jn 17:17-19**

REPENTANCE TOWARD GOD AND FAITH TOWARD CHRIST

Foundationally, our fellowship is with the Father and the Son as orchestrated by the Holy Ghost. So in all our dealings with divinity in the gospel we ought to be mindful of this truth in order not to be short changed by false teachers in our times and be kept in ignorance still. Many lack the revelation of the workings of the Father and His Son in the ministry of the gospel and therefore present a false understanding of the gospel to men as it were. **Jn 14:1,6**

I Jn 1:1-3 (Vr.2 For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us; **Vr.3** That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

I Jn 5:1 And every one that loveth Him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of Him.

Lk 10:22 All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal him.

Jn 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. **Vr.44** No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Question: How does the Father draw men? It is through repentance preached in the name of His Son, Jesus Christ. And how do they come into Christ? It is through conversion that is by faith of our Lord Jesus Christ. Repentance leads to conversion and conversion leads to healing cum freedom which the Son of God accomplishes by giving you of his Spirit in baptism.

The Father sent the Son by water and blood to bring men unto repentance for the forgiveness and remission of their sins by His grace. The Son sent the Spirit unto us in order that we might be made sons of God, sanctified and meet for the Master's use and prepared unto every good work bearing witness of the truth unto the world by his own grace. No man can come unto the Father except through the Son. When a sinner repents and turns to God it behooves him to begin bringing forth fruit meet for repentance by the grace of God. And subsequently when the Believer receives the Spirit of Christ in baptism he must show forth the fruit of the Spirit by the grace of Christ. **Rom 5:1-2; Mtt 3:11; Jn 1:29,33; Lk 3:7-14; Gal 5:22-23; Hebr 6:1; Gal 3:2**

Acts 20:20-21 (Vr.21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

Acts 26: 18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. **Vr.20** But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at

Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

Mtt 18:1-5 (Vr.3) And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. **Vr.4** Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Acts 2:37-41 (Vr.38) Then Peter said unto them, Repent [*toward God*], 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 [*from His Son by faith*]. **Vr.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 [*unto repentance*].

2 Tim 2:24-26 (Vr.25) In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; **Vr.26** And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

CHRIST CAME TO CALL SINNERS UNTO REPENTANCE TOWARD GOD

Christ was sent by God to the earth to give repentance and forgiveness of sins unto sinners and he was crucified that remission of sins and the resurrection from the dead unto everlasting life could become possible unto all that believe in him being baptized in his name by water and the Spirit as it were. Christ sent the Spirit of truth after his resurrection and ascension upon those that he had chosen as witnesses to preach this gospel of salvation in his name by the Holy Ghost and power. **Jn 1:29,11-13; Jn 3:14-16; Jn 15:26-27**

Lk 5:29-32 (Vr.32) I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Mtt 9:10-13 (Vr.12) But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. **Vr.13** But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Lk 19:1-10 (Vr.9) And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham. **Vr.10** For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost [*through calling them unto repentance and not give your life to him*].

Lk 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, **Vr.19** To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

All hath sinned and fallen short of the glory of God due to Adam's transgression and needed to be freely justified by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. The Holy Ghost was sent so that those that are justified by the blood of Jesus Christ might receive the adoption of sons unto receiving everlasting life on the resurrection day. So we have first, reconciliation with the Father through the death of the Son this is accomplished through repentance and remission of sin in baptism. Secondly, the making of sons of God that shall live eternally through the operation of the Spirit of truth. **Rom 3:23-26; Gal 4:3-7; Acts 1:8**

2 Cor 5:18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; **Vr.19** To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. **Vr.20** Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

Lk 24: 44-49 (Vr.47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. **Vr.48** And ye are witnesses of these things. **Vr.49** And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Mk 16:15-20 (Vr.15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. **Vr.16** He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. **Vr.17** And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

The Master never taught us in his doctrine nor sent us to preach to sinners "to give their lives to him" or "make him their Lord and personal Saviour", etc. These and many more men-contrived phrases are wisdom of words or words of men's wisdom crafted by the CAO meant to make of none effect the preaching of repentance in the gospel of the cross of Jesus Christ and the true understanding thereof. These are not the words of reconciliation given to us by the Master to preach to all nations. Thereby with such contrived words men are kept in ignorance unto doing the commandments of men rather than obeying the commandment of God and His Christ by which they shall be saved. **Mtt 15:3-9; I Cor 1:12-21; Mtt 28:18-20; Hebr 6:1-2**

Acts 2:36-41 (Vr.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 [not sinners but God was the one that made him]. **Vr.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. **Vr.41** Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

The gospel message is not “Give your life to Christ” rather “Repent for the forgiveness and remission of your sins through baptism and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost unto everlasting life”. They do not mean the same thing as it were. Without repentance there can be no forgiveness with God and without believing unto being baptized in the name of Jesus Christ there would be no remission of sins. **Acts 5:29-32; Acts 3:25-26; Lk 24:44-49; Lk 1:67-77,78-80; Acts 20:21; Acts 26:18,20**

Christ defined and explained repentance for us severally in his doctrines and none of them meant or implied that sinners should “give their lives to him”, if not it would have meant the same thing in the Old Testament also when God required repentance from Israel whenever they sinned. Christ was able to forgive sins while he lived on earth, but needed to shed his blood on the cross through death in order for remission of sins to be possible through baptism in his name thereafter. **Mtt 21:28-32; Lk 15:1-7,8-10,11-32; Lk 18:9-14; Mtt 12:38-41; Mtt 11:20-24; Lk 17:3-4; Mtt 9:1-8; Hebr 9:20-22**

THERE IS NO TRUE REPENTANCE WITHOUT FORSAKING OF SINS

Many are made to believe a lie today in the another gospel of the CAO, which preaches a salvation that comes by only confessing with your mouth and believing in your heart without forsaking of sinful ways and submitting to being baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins. By mere answering of altar call with mouth confession the CAO declares a sinner saved, born again and a son of God, this a great error of our times.

Many of the CAO adherents claim that they “give their lives to Christ” while still remaining or holding unto their sinful, immoral and unrighteous ways thereafter, claiming to let go of sin only small small, deceiving themselves that it is the heart that matters, rather than engaging in an instant U-turn from at least confessed sins to righteousness if nothing else. Restitution after repentance is no longer a doctrine preached by the CAO MOPs of today. It has been obliterated from their lexicon so that they can make members fast through the broad way antics of “altar call” for their money making business organization they call “church”. **Acts 19:18-20; Rom 6:11-22; Mtt 7:13; Ezek 18:4-13**

Lk 19:1-10 (Vr.8 And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold. **Vr.9** And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham. **Vr.10** For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

Repentance through lips confession of sins without forsaking of sins leads to death still, while repentance backed up with forsaking and restitution leads to salvation unto life; for this is what the grace of God that one receives in true repentance begins to do in one's life instantaneously. It brings about a change of heart, a clean heart and a right spirit that is renewed within you. But many of those that "give their lives" today do not forsake in deeds but by mouth only, while still living in their old sinful ways, struggling to overcome sin by the arm of flesh thereafter. Such have worldly sorrow and not godly sorrow when answering the altar call showpiece of the CAO. **2 Cor 7:10-11; Eph 2:8-10; 2 Cor 12:20-21; Eph 5:3**

Eph 4:17-29 (Vr.22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; **Vr.23** And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; **Vr.24** And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. **Vr.28** Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. **Vr.29** Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

Ps 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. **Vr.12** Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

Titus 2: 11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, **Vr.12** Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts [by repenting unto forsaking them], we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

Hebr 6:1 not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works.

Acts 26:20 But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

Lk 3:6-14 (Vr.6 And all flesh shall see the salvation of God. **Vr.7** Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? **Vr.8** Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, **Vr.9** And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. **Vr.10** And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then? **Vr.11** He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise. **Vr.12** Then came also publicans to be baptized, and said unto him, Master, what shall we do? **Vr.13** And he said unto them, Exact no more than that which is appointed you. **Vr.14** And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages.

Repentance must involve the forsaking of dead works unto doing good works for it to be true. This is a demonstration of the grace of God that He gives to those that truly repented from their heart and not from their lips. It entails repenting and forsaking of your sinful deeds and not mere mouth confession of sins and unproven heart belief that does not bring forth righteous fruits thereafter for men to see; for by their fruits we shall know those that have truly repented.

Mtt 7:16-20; Rev 16:9-11; Zech 7:7-14

Rev 2:18-23 (Vr.20) Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. **Vr.21** And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. **Vr.22** Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. **Vr.23** And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

Rev 9: 20 And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: **Vr.21** Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

Many are assured by the CAO MOPs that their sins are forgiven them by God when they respond to their altar calls with feigned lips confession even while they continue to live in their sins thereafter. They are told that they should continue to affirm and confirm with their mouth the word thereafter that they are saved and born again, while within their hearts they know that they are not and their conscience meanwhile accusing them. This is made manifest in their having to answer the altar calls repeatedly at different occasions after being said to be born again by the CAO. They are told that they need to forgive themselves when nothing else works as if sinners have power to forgive themselves – what an error in teaching. True repentance that brings one to be saved and born again is once and not repeatedly as it were. Just as you get born once into this world so also you get born again once and not severally – he that is born of the flesh is flesh and he that is born of the Spirit is spirit. It is not a recurrent decimal. **2 Cor 7:10; Jn 3:3-7**

REPENTANCE PRECEDES FORGIVENESS WITH GOD

God the Father is neither man nor the son of man or is He flesh, rather He is a Spirit. Unfortunately, the CAO have made their adherents to always see God as man and relate with Him erroneously as such to their own shame and confusion. A man can forgive his fellow man without such asking for forgiveness from him because he wants to have a clear conscience

devoid of offense before God and man. This is not the same with God. God generally requires a sinner to repent, forsake his wicked ways and set out to do righteously before he can receive forgiveness that is true from Him. You cannot be doing unrighteousness and believe that you are forgiven of God as the CAO cause men to believe today. **I Jn 2:29; I Jn 3:7,10**

Unfortunately many are made to believe that forgiveness from God is predicated only on an open show of lips confession and hidden heart belief without doing righteously from thence forward. This is a false assumption and an error. **Rom 10:8-10; Mtt 15:7-9; Mtt 23:2-3**

Mtt 21:28 But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard. **Vr.29** He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went. **Vr.30** And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not. **Vr.31** Whether of them twain did the will of his father?" They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. **Vr.32** For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him.

Acts 3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; **Vr.20** And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: **Vr.26** Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you [*How?*], in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

For a man to receive mercy from God he must acknowledge, confess and repent of his sins and ask God for His mercy and forgiveness. He needs to acknowledge the truth and turn back from his unrighteous ways unto God in order to do good works thereafter. **Hosea 4:6-9; 2 Tim 2:25; Tit 1:1; 2 Thess 2:9-12**

2 Chron 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Mtt 6:12-15 (Vr.12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. **Vr.14** For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: **Vr.15** But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Mtt 18:23-35 (Vr.26 The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. **Vr.27** Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt. **Vr.28** But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellow servants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. **Vr.29** And his fellow servant

fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. **Vr.30** And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. **Vr.32** Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me: **Vr.33** Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? **Vr.34** And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him. **Vr.35** So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

Eph 4:31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: **Vr.32** And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Many today are not forgiven by God because they continue to hold others in unforgiveness in their hearts, refusing to let go, while claiming that they have repented, having their CAO MOPs assuring them that they are forgiven and saved. It is the forgiveness of God upon a man that forgives his fellows after repentance that is the true forgiveness. This you experience by your being justified at heart having a clear conscience before God and man, not what the CAO says while still being found in confessed and unconfessed sins. It is the Father and the Son that truly has the power to forgive sins and for it to be forgiven you eternally not man. Man might forgive you by reason of your show of a feigned outward appearance of repentance, but God might not by reason of iniquity of heart that you yet harbor unknown to man. God searcheth the heart and knoweth the intents thereof. **Mtt 9:1-8; Acts 5:1-11; Lk 17:3-4; Lk 18:9-14; Ps 51:1-19; Rev 2:23; Hebr 4:12-13; Acts 8:12-13,20-23**

Acts 8:9-24 (Vr.20 But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. **Vr.21** Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. **Vr.22** Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. **Vr.23** For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.

THE NEW COVENANT IS ENTERED INTO BY TRUE REPENTANCE

Many are ignorant of the fact that it is through experiencing true repentance that we enter into the New Covenant with God the Father through the blood of His Son Jesus Christ. So it has to be done rightly in knowledge and understanding of the truth for the foundation of your Christianity to be solidly laid upon the Rock, that is Christ, the wisdom of God. The New Covenant is established on the basis of repentance for the forgiveness and remission of sins

past for you to have a clean slate or bill of health as a new man in order to begin to walk righteously with God in faith through Christ Jesus, having been cleansed, justified and made righteous in God's eye to live a life of grace thence forward being dead to sin. **2 Cor 6:14-18; 1 Pet 2:24-25; Rom 6:1-4**

Eph 4:22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; **Vr.23** And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; **Vr.24** And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Ezek 36:25 Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. **Vr.26** A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. **Vr.27** And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. **Vr.28** and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God. **Vr.29** I will also save you from all your uncleanness:

Hebr 9:14-15 (Vr.14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? **Vr.15** And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

The CAO has trivialized repentance with their "give your life" mantra in a feigned altar call lips ritual unto laying a faulty foundation for many, that is founded on sinking sand rather than on the Rock as it were; producing workers of iniquity still rather than those that work righteousness instead – this is ungodly and quite unfortunate. **Mtt 7:23-27; Acts 3: 25-26**

Hebr 10:14-24 (Vr.16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; **Vr.17** And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more [*for those that He gives true repentance*]. **Vr.18** Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin. **Vr.19** Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, **Vr.20** By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; **Vr.22** Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. **Vr.23** Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

Hebr 8:10-12 (Vr.12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

Rom 3:21-26 (Vr.23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; **Vr.24** Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: **Vr.25** Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

Acts 3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing [*based on a new covenant*] shall come from the presence of the Lord; **Vr.20** And he shall send Jesus Christ [*the mediator of the new testament*], which before was preached unto you: **Vr.26** Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

Lk 22:19-20 (Vr.20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

It is by true repentance that the New Covenant walk with God in Christ is initiated. Therefore, the sinner compulsorily needs to hear from God and believe Him in his own heart by faith unto being cleansed to receive the right spirit to live righteously henceforth as a new man, forsaking his old sins. This is accomplished through the grace of God and the Spirit of truth at work in you in order for you to do the will of God continually, producing ordained good works forthwith. Unfortunately, many have not this knowledge and are kept in deception by the CAO. **Eph 2:8-10; Tit 2:11-14; Hebr 12:24; Hebr 10:24-29; Mk 2:21-22**

It is God that opened the door of faith for the Gentiles into the new covenant in Christ, by first granting them repentance unto life as it were. **Acts 14:27; Acts 11:18; Acts 13:46-49; Acts 15:11**

A covenant is entered into by the agreement of the parties involved if not it cannot be established. So a sinner must know the primary terms of the New Covenant from the beginning in order to count the cost before he can willingly enter into it. True repentance is not gotten in ignorance or anyhow, but in soberness and understanding. Without being taught rightly you cannot know to do rightly. The CAO MOPs have taught men wrongly for so long, having their own differing denominational doctrines amongst themselves contrary to the one doctrine of Christ, and men are doing wrongly as a result unto the errors we see at work in the whole of today's Christendom as it were. They go about teaching the commandments of men rather than that of Christ in God. **Lk 14:25-33; Jn 6:44-45; Mk 7:5-9; Ps 11:3; Eph 5:17**

Mtt 28: 19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **Vr.20** Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

CONCLUSION

All through the ages past under the old covenant, God withheld repentance from the Gentiles but offered it to the Jews first, who rejected it from Him by refusing to receive Christ and believe in his sacrifice on their behalf in the latter days. Presently, God withholdeth repentance from Israel as a nation and granteth it to all that would believe amongst the Gentiles until the time of the Gentiles be fulfilled. But during the Great Tribulation era a remnant of Israel shall be saved. **Rom 11:7-12,25-32; Jn 1:10-12; Mtt 15:21-31; Acts 11:1-18; Acts 13:14-52; Rom 9:18,22-33; Jer 50:19-20; Mtt 23:34-39**

No man can take repentance unto himself rather it is the Lord that giveth it in order to save those that seek Him through Jesus Christ, His Son and through no other means. It is from amongst those that the LORD calleth by His Spirit that He giveth repentance when they accept His call. Without being given repentance and forgiveness by God no man's sin can be forgiven and remitted for him to be saved. And it is the LORD that doeth all these things, calling a sinner in his heart, rather than the vain words of men spoken in your ear. Unfortunately, today it is the CAO MOPs that cajole men to "give their lives" by all manner of cunningness and trickery by their altar call antics and another gospel preaching. **Zech 7:8-12**

Hebr 3:6-8 (Vr.6 But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we. **Vr.7** Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, **Vr.8** Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: **Vr.15** While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

When God leads a man to repentance it behooves the man to accept to repent and forsake his sinful ways in order that God might grant him forgiveness of sins and remission of sins through baptism, purifying his heart. God is not focused on making an open show of repentance by a sinner but the CAO does in order to glory in the flesh over how many souls they have won to their credit in their vain counting. No man can save a soul except God and therefore sinners can be convicted by the Spirit and repent even in the secret of their homes in prayer when they hear the true message of salvation. It is not compulsory that it must be at an open altar call session. You do not need an altar call to repent rather you need the Holy Ghost at work in your heart by the word of truth to do so and subsequently you must begin to show forth works meet for repentance for all to see. Then shall all men see thine good works and glorify God and not a CAO MOP. **Acts 9:1-22; Acts 10:24-48**

Mtt 6:5-7 (Vr.6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

Lk 18:9-14 (Vr.10) Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. **Vr.13** And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. **Vr.14** I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

Hebr 12:24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel. **Vr.25** See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:

Many say that they have believed by “giving their lives to Christ” but they have not actually repented because their deeds cum lifestyle do not show a turnaround unto righteous living that is grace enabled. This is due to the error in the kind of gospel and teachings that they have heard, believed in and followed from the very beginning. For such a person, you need to humbly go back to the basics as a little child unto God, and do the Truth that you have heard herein, while it is still day for the night cometh when you might not be able to again. Let not pride rob you of entering the kingdom of heaven on the last day. You need to stop playing church and fooling yourself that you are converted no matter what position or status you may have attained in the CAO over the years. We are talking about a foundation that would determine where you shall spend eternity. Do not toy with it. **Rom 13:11-14**

Take heed what and how you hear or have heard in time past, and examine yourself whether you are truly in the faith. Let not your faith be based on the wisdom of men, rather on the wisdom and power of God in Christ. May the good Lord open your eyes of understanding to know the truth that setteth free contained herein unto laying a good foundation for your Christianity based on true repentance in Jesus name. Amen.

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