

## **9—Repent and Live**

3/9/25

### **INTRO:**

#### **I. → Ezekiel 18:25-32**

25 *"Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.'*

*Hear now, O House of Israel:*

*Is my way unjust? Is it not your ways that are unjust?*

26 *If a righteous person **turns away** from their righteousness and commits sin, they will die for it;*

*because of the sin they have committed they will die.*

→ 27 *But if a wicked person **turns away** from the wickedness they have committed and does what is just and right, they will **save their life**.*

28 *Because they consider all the offenses they have committed and **turn away** from them, that person will **surely live**; they will not die.*

→ 29 *Yet the House of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Are my ways unjust, House of Israel? Is it not your ways that are unjust?*

30 *"Therefore, O House of Israel, I will judge each of you according to your own ways, declares the Lord Yahweh.*

→ **Repent! And turn away** from all your offenses; then sin will not be your ruin.

31 **Rid** yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a **new heart** and a **new spirit**.

*Why shall you die, O House of Israel?*

32 *For I take no pleasure in the death of the dying, declares the Lord Yahweh.*

**Repent and live!**

- II. Heb (shuw**b**) turn away, turn back, return  
"Shuwbuw and hashiybuw"

## BODY:

### I. A Change in Thinking

25 "Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not **just**.'

Is my way unjust? Is it not your ways that are **unjust**?

A. Repentance requires a change of attitudes and desires.

1) **Ephesians 4:22-24**

*You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful **desires**; to be made new in the **attitude** of your **minds**; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.*

2) "We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them."—*Albert Einstein*

3) "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results."  
—*NA Pamphlet 1981*

B. We cannot justify the Lord and ourselves at the same time.

1) **1 John 1:9-10**

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and **just** and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.*

2) **MY COUSIN VINNY—GUILTY OR NOT GUILTY**

### II. A Change in Acting

27 But if a wicked person **turns away** from the wickedness they have committed and **does** what is just and right, they will **save** their life.

A. All sin brings a little bit of death into our lives.

1) **Ezekiel 18:4**

*The one who sins is the one who will die.*

2) **Romans 6:22-23**

*But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal **life**. For the wages of sin is **death**, but the gift of God is eternal **life** in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

3) 1,000 LITTLE CHOICES

B. True repentance turns our lives in a different direction.

1) **1 Peter 4:4-5**

*They are surprised that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living, and they heap abuse on you. But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.*

2) WELSH REVIVALS—DONKEYS

### III. A Change in Living

*Why shall you die, O House of Israel?*

**Repent and live!**

A. He loves us too much to just leave our lives the same.

1) **Acts 3:19**

***Repent**, then, and **turn** to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.*

2) Grk (*metanoéo*) think again

Grk (*epistrépho*) turn over (be converted KJV)

3) AL AGEE COMING IN FROM THE CAR

B. Repentance means something has become right with your life.

1) **James 5:20**

*Remember this: Whoever **turns** a sinner from the error of their way will **save** them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.*

2) GENE FINDING JESUS WATCHING TV

## OTHER SCRIPTURES:

Luke 15:6-7

I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

Acts 26:20-21

First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and then to the Gentiles, I preached that they should **repent** and turn to God and demonstrate their repentance by their deeds.

Romans 12:2

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be **transformed** by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Philippians 2:12-13

Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—**think** about such things.

James 2:12-13

Speak and **act** as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, 13 because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful.