

What will you do when the catastrophes, calamities and disasters come upon this earth with greater speed, intensity and frequency, because of unrepentant sins and disobedience to God's commandments?

Will you flee to caves in the rocks and to holes in the ground to try to escape the Lord's wrath, or will you repent and live?

The decision is yours ...

Scriptural References:

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Repent Or Perish!



God's Word tells us that repentance is crucial and includes strong warnings: "... *But unless you repent, you too will all perish,*" (Luke 13:3) and "*In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead.*" (Acts 17:30-31)

Are you taking the warnings about repentance seriously? God gives man a choice as He did from the very beginning, with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Obedience to God's commands bring life and blessings; and disobedience to God's commands bring death and curses.

Will you still inherit the kingdom of God even if you don't repent? If you answered no, then you are on the right track. If you answered yes, Why? "because I'm a good person. I'm not a criminal, only criminals are sinners and they are the ones going to hell!" Well it takes more than just being a good person to receive God's promised inheritance! Can you honestly say that you have never committed sin in your life? Ever misused the name of Jesus? Ever worshiped statues? Have an excessive desire for food or wealth? Gambled? Is money the focus in your life? Spread lies about anyone? Been involved in witchcraft? Led someone along an evil path? Committed adultery? If you answered yes to any of these questions, you are a sinner and God commands you to repent!

Unrepentant sinners WILL NOT inherit the kingdom of God, because God's word clearly mentions: "...*The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!*" (Mark 1:15) and "*Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.*" (1 Corinthians 6:9-10)

What is repentance? Repentance is the crucial first step to beginning, building and developing our spiritual relationship with God, where we confess and renounce our past and present, known and unknown sins to God, in true, heartfelt prayer, with godly sorrow. You must be so sorry for and detest your sins, that you are determined to renounce them, and God promises to forgive your sins.

Scripture mentions that "*He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy,*" (Proverbs 28:13) and "*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 has no place in our lives.*" (1 John 1:9-10)

You have a passion to begin a new life in Christ! If, for example, you have been involved in witchcraft (which is idolatry, the worship of false gods), you must confess this sin, renounce it, (never commit this sin again) and burn all your sorcery books; then begin to obey God's commandments, and worship the one true living God, the creator of the universe, and confess and acknowledge the supremacy and authority of God!

Scripture tells us: "...*Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*" (Acts 2:38)

Baptism and repentance requires a complete transformation of lifestyle. Not a modification of the old one. We become new creatures, with a new life in Christ; the old has gone, and the new has come! We have put to death the sinful nature, with its carnal passions and desires; and have put on the new self, created to be like Christ in true righteousness and holiness. From this step forward, we have been completely and radically transformed by the power of God's Holy Spirit, and we ask God for His help to lead and guide us in the right direction in our life. We live in obedience to God's commandments - a life of holiness, godliness, purity, truth and righteousness. By focusing on God who is first love and number one priority in our lives, and abiding in Christ, we will be spiritually prosperous (bearing much spiritual fruit in our life).

A righteous person has accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior in his life, repented of his sins, and been baptized. He has been redeemed from sin, purified from all unrighteousness, sanctified and justified in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of God. Therefore, he is filled with the Holy Spirit which helps him to resist sin and temptations.

As true disciples of Christ, we are led by the Holy Spirit, to live a life of self-sacrifice, and we also train ourselves to live godly lives. If you are unable to live a life of self-discipline, where you learn to control your body in such a way that is pleasing and honorable to the LORD, then you need to cut off the part of the body that is causing you to sin.

To inherit the kingdom of God, it is crucial that once someone has repented of his sins, that he does not deliberately keep on sinning, once he has received

the knowledge of the truth, because no sacrifice for sins is left, and he will be in the category of an apostate.

The word 'apostasy' is not mentioned in the Bible, instead the word 'falling away' is used, which has the same definition, and there are strong warnings. Apostasy means to 'stand away from' the faith. In other words, to turn away from the Gospel and stand opposed to the Living God. Apostates deliberately, habitually, knowingly and defiantly practice sin. It is dangerous for a believer to fall away, and once a believer turns away from the faith, it is impossible for him to return to God. That person has become an enemy of God, because his sins have separated him from God. Therefore, there is a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume him and all the other enemies of God, including those who teach the false doctrine of 'once saved, always saved,' who, according to scripture, are bringing swift destruction upon themselves. It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God!

If, after coming to a knowledge of the truth, one cherishes sin in his heart and continues in his sinful lifestyle and refuses to repent, he will not inherit eternal life in the kingdom of God, instead, he will be thrown in unquenchable fire, in hell! Also, repentance is crucial in answered prayer, because God will not hear the prayers of unrepentant sinners. Their prayers will remain unanswered. God hears the prayer of the righteous, but His face is against those who do evil!

The major hindrances and obstacles to repentance are man's pride, rebellion and stubbornness and the physical things of this world, such as the worries, pleasures and deceitfulness of wealth.

Scripture mentions that if a wicked man turns away from his sins and stops doing evil and keeps God's commandments and does what is just and good, he will surely live; but if a righteous man turns from his righteousness and commits sin and does the same detestable things the wicked man does, he will die for it.

Also, a righteous man must warn a sinner to repent, and rebuke him, for the purposes of turning him from his wickedness and evil ways, and save him from death.

Remember: If you live according to your sinful, carnal nature, you will reap death and destruction; but if you live according to the spirit, you will reap eternal life!

Pray the following prayer of faith and forgiveness of sins: Heavenly Father, God Almighty, Creator of the universe, heavens, the earth, sky and sea and all that is in them, I come to you in the Name of my Lord Jesus Christ and I believe that Jesus, your Son, died on the cross for my sins and rose again from the dead, after being in the heart of the earth, the grave, for three days and three nights, and that He is exalted above the heavens and seated at the right hand of your throne, and He will return as King of kings and Lord of lords. I believe that Jesus your Son and Great High Priest is totally divine, pure, holy, blameless and set apart from sinners. I belong to you and I want to live for you. I totally commit, devote and dedicate my life to you, a life of obedience, reverence, faithfulness and submission to you and your son, your laws and commands. Father, I confess all my sins to you, past, present, known and unknown. I'm sorry for them all and renounce them all. (You can name your sins and renounce each one individually. e.g. homosexuality, greed, gluttony, etc). If you have been involved in idolatry and/or immorality in any of its forms, you need to mention that you commit to destroying any idols, including occult (statues, sorcery books, etc) and immoral items, (horror, vulgar and obscene music, movies, books, magazines, etc). Thank you for the promise of forgiveness of sins. Father, I thank you that I'm completely purified, redeemed, justified and sanctified - set apart and made holy for you, and set free from all my sins, through Jesus' precious holy blood and great and perfect sacrifice. I'm a child of God with a new life in Christ Jesus! Father, please come into my life and fill me with the Holy Spirit, transform my life completely and help me to stop sinning and live according to your Word. I ask for your guidance and strength to walk the path of holiness, godliness, purity, truth and righteousness. Help me along the narrow way that leads to eternal life in your Kingdom! Surround me always with your awesome, holy, glorious, majestic presence and splendor. I pray in Jesus Name. Amen!

Your knowledge about repentance leaves you with no excuse. Will you be prepared and ready now for the imminent return of Jesus Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords and inherit the kingdom of God, or will you suffer eternal punishment in unquenchable fire, in hell, with those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus and be shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of His power?