Let Him In!

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INTRODUCTION

- What might be the most challenging biblical concept or teaching that will keep people out of heaven.
- Some reject belief because they connect the dots very quickly, that belief in Jesus will require change.

1 Repentance: To Think Again

Matthew 21:28–32

- I must convey to you that belief will demand change in your life.
- The one who did the will of his father is the one who had the change of heart, who repented, who regretted the initial decision.
- And so the idea is to think again.
- To repent is to undergo a moral reorientation of the soul, in which one acknowledges the error of his ways and turns toward the divinely prescribed way of truth and righteousness.

2 Repentance Is Not a One-Time Step

Acts 2:38; 2 Corinthians 7:1

- Repentance is not and will not be a one-time step in our lives.
- Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins. Repentance is essential to receiving forgiveness of our sins.
- Cleanse yourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.
- 2 Corinthians 7 and verse 1 says it's going to be an ongoing process.

3 Five of the Seven Churches Instructed: Repent

Revelation 2:5; Revelation 2:16; Revelation 3:3

- Five of the seven churches are instructed. The word is found. Repent.
- If Jesus was writing this letter today to churches, how many would be instructed to repent?
- Remember, therefore, from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds that you did at first.
- Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard and keep it and repent.

4 Repentance Is a Challenge, but God Grants It

Acts 5:31; Acts 11:18; 2 Timothy 2:24–26

- A lot of people want Christianity without the required conduct.

- You can't read the New Testament and get repentance optional. Jesus religion involves repentance.
- To grant repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.
- Instead of seeing work, I'm being granted a gift.

5 Be Zealous, Therefore, and Repent

Revelation 3:19; Revelation 3:18; Romans 12:1–2

- Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline.
- Here's the key. Be zealous, therefore. And repent.
- If we can get zealous about the right things, repentance may not seem so hard after all.
- He says, You get it. You cultivate it. Be zealous and repent.

6 Behold, I Stand at the Door and Knock

Revelation 3:20

- If you get it, you'll generate zeal. And by generating zeal, repentance then won't seem so challenging anymore.
- Zeal is fueled by an understanding of fellowship with him.
- If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come into him and will dine with him and he with me.
- A further motivation is not just what he can provide, but that we will come into relationship with him.

THE CHALLENGE

Where are you? Are you going to let the Savior in this morning?

MY NOTES