



Grace Fellowship Church
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Luke Chapter 24

VI. The Vindication of the Son of Man before Men, Luke 24:1-49.

4. The Head of the Church, vs. 44-48.

a. Jesus presents the Gospel to this group from the OT, vs. 44-48, (continued).

Vs. 47

Luke 24:47, “And that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.”

Next, we have the commissioning of the disciples to tell the world about Jesus; the results of His work upon the Cross, His resurrection, and their effect. As Jesus is standing before these disciples in resurrection body, He is commissioning them to the Gospel ministry to preach salvation, (i.e., “**repentance for forgiveness of sins**”). Yet, as we will note, all of these words are nouns and not verbs. In other words, they are a thing or position, and not actions. Why? Because man can do nothing to save himself. Jesus did all the work! Therefore, “repentance for forgiveness of sins” is what a person receives when they believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior. Remember that “believing” is a non-meritorious act of faith. Therefore, it is not even the action of believing that saves you, it is the one you are believing in that saves you, as He gets all the credit. We will come back to this in a moment.

But first, I want to note that it is curious how in Christianity some prefer to emphasize either Jesus’ death or His resurrection as a means of salvation. Some chose verses like **Lev 17:11, 1 Cor 1:23; Heb 9:22; 1 Peter 2:23-24 (Isa 53:4-5)**, and say salvation is based on Christ’s death.

Lev 17:11, “For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement.”

1 Cor 1:23, “But we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness.”

Heb 9:22, “And according to the Law, *one may almost say*, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.”

1 Peter 2:24, “And He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.”

Others take **Rom 5:10; 10:9; 1 Cor 15:17; Heb 7:25; 1 Peter 1:3; 3:21**, and say salvation is based on His resurrection.

Rom 5:10, “For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.”

Rom 10:9, “That if you confess with your mouth Jesus *as* Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

1 Cor 15:17, “And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.”

Heb 7:25, “Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.”

1 Peter 1:3, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”

1 Peter 3:21, “Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience—through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.”

But, the fact of the reality is both are indispensably important regarding repentance for salvation. Remember if Jesus did not die, He would not have been raised from the dead. That is why many verses command the unbeliever to believe in the person or even name of Jesus Christ for salvation. This means they need to look at and believe the totality of who He is (the God / Man in hypostatic union) and what He did for us (died and rose again) in order to come to saving faith, **John 3:16; 6:29; 9:35; 10:25; 12:36; 12:44; 20:31; Acts 16:31; 19:4; Rom 3:22; Gal 3:22; 1 Tim 1:16; 1 John 3:23.**

John 6:29, “Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent”.”

John 10:25, “Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe; the works that I do in My Father’s name, these testify of Me”.”

John 20:31, “But these have been written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name.”

Acts 16:31, “They said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household”.”

Gal 3:22, “But the Scripture has shut up everyone under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.”

1 John 3:23, “This is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us.”

Therefore, in all of the Scriptures noted above, whether they emphasize His death (physically or spiritually) on the Cross or His resurrection, or His name, or any other thing, they all speak to knowing Jesus in totality, who He is and what He accomplished on our behalf, **Acts 4:12; 1 Thes 4:14.**

Acts 4:12, “And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”

1 Thes 4:14, “For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.”

Now, back in **Luke 24:47**, the first thing we see that is necessary to proclaim for salvation is, “**and that repentance**,” KAI with the Noun METANOIA, μετάνοια that means, “repentance, to reconsider something, regret, turning about, or change of mind.” It comes from the Verb METANOEO, μετανοέω that means, “to repent, change one’s mind, or be converted.” METANOIA is used in the Septuagint to translate NACHAM that means, “have a change of heart or turn from a former attitude.”

Therefore, in our verse, “repentance” is a noun (a thing) that results from an action (a verb). In other words, when someone changes their mind about Jesus and believes upon Him as their Savior, they have repented and stand in the position of repentance. Jesus is commissioning His disciples to bring people to the place of repentance, that is a place or position they stand in where they have changed their minds about Jesus from not believing in Him to believing in Him.