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Review

Personal change and mind transformation – Not remorse, regret, and sorrow – are the true proof of true repentance.

Thus, repentance is the “birth canal” that lead you to the Kingdom of God.

Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of God is at Hand.” (Old English for “has arrived!”

Matthew 6:10 – “Thy kingdom come, they will ... be done on / in earth ...as it is in heaven.”

**** The kingdom comes ... Just like it came!**

See Luke 1:26-38

Ephesians 1:6

“Highly favored/accepted – Charitoo – to grace, i.e., indue with special honor – make accepted, be highly favored

Biblical Usage:

- To make graceful, charming, lovely, agreeable
- To pursue with grace, compass with favor
- To honor with blessings

Charitoo – (From Charisma) – properly, highly-favored because of the receptiveness of God’s grace

Psalm 18:26; Psalm 11:25 (AMPC); Psalm 33:18 (NASB), Psalm 147:11 (Aramaic Bible in P. English)

Luke 1:31-33 – **“The Seed!”**

Mark 4:26-29

Luke 1:35 – **“The Setting/environment”** (Compare Gen. 1:1-2)

Gabriel encourages Mary by telling her that Elizabeth, her relative, has also conceived in her old age; and actually, is six (6) months pregnant.

The Revelation:

“For with God nothing will be impossible” (Luke 1:37)

The angel Gabriel explains it this way:

For – “Hoti” → Because

With – “Para” → Near or along side

God – “Theos” → The very exceeding supreme God

Nothing – “No Rhema” → No Spoken Word/utterance

Shall – “Pas” → Each, every, any, the whole, everyone, all things, everything collectively

Be impossible – “Adunateo” → To be unable, not to have strength, or power, or ability, to be weak

➤ Dunamis:

- Universally, “inherent power, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature (Luke 1:17; Acts 4:7)
- Specifically, the power of performing miracles (Acts 6:8, 2:22)
- Moral power and excellence of soul and demonstration (1 Cor 4:18-20)
- The power and influence which belongs to riches (pecuniary ability) (Deut. 8:17, Ruth 4:11)

➤ In the Greek, “A” in front of a word means “not or no/the opposite”

*****No freshly spoken Word of God will ever come to you that does not contain, in it, its own ability to perform itself or exert the innate power to bring itself to pass!***

James 1:21

“Wherefore, lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.”

The Rhema word, or the logos word will do you no good if it is not planted in your heart.

- Matt 13, Mark 4, Luke 8
- “The Kingdom of God is as if a man plants a seed in the ground”
- “Thus, the Kingdom of God is directly tied to the words of your mouth”

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Ephesians 4:24

“And that you put on the new man which was created according to God in true righteousness and holiness.”

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“And to put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.” (NASB)

Truth – “Aletheia” – To refer to something that is accurate

- I. Objectively
 - a. What is true in any matter under consideration
 - b. What is true in things appertaining to God and the duties of man, moral and religious truth
 - c. The truth as taught in the Word, respecting God and the execution of His purposes through Christ, opposing the corrupt opinions and precepts of false teachers (even among Christians)
- II. Subjectively
 - a. Truth as a personal excellence
 - i. That candor (frankness) of mind which is free from affection, pretense, simulation, falsehood, and deceit.

Acts 26:19-28

Paul claims before Festus and King Agrippa that what he said regarding Jesus and the resurrection is the truth.

John 5:31-32

Jesus’ testimony is true and valid because the Father testifies about Him.

However, truth is not only statements.

- Paul uses the adjective “Alethinos” to describe God Himself.
- The Thessalonians turned from idols in order to “serve the living and true God.” (1 Thess 1:9-10)

And because God is true, what God speaks is also Truth

- “Your Word is Truth” (John 17:17)

In fact, Jesus Himself is “Truth” (John 14:6) and if we are His disciples, we will “know the Truth” (8:32)

- Truth continues and is not stagnate, but grows lighter and lighter or goes from “glory to glory.”
- Proverbs 4:18; Hebrews 1:1-3; 1 John 1:7

Furthermore, especially in John’s writings, the Holy Spirit is referred to as the “Spirit of Truth”

- John 14:17, 15:26, 16:13

The Holy Spirit (Counselor, Comforter) – Parakletos

- One summoned, called to one's side, especially called to one's aid
- One who pleads another's cause before a judge, a pleader, counsel for defense, legal assistant, an advocate
- One called alongside to help, together, against, with

This means that the Holy Spirit is a defense witness for the believer, defending against false accusations and the lies of the enemy by testifying to the Truth.