
'Be Careful of Assumptions'

Know the Real Jesus

Luke 13:1-9 ESV

More questions from Jesus that require reflection:

1. Do you think those who suffer unspeakable tragedy are worse sinners than those who don't? vs 1-5

¹There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²And he answered them: Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way?

³No, I tell you; but unless you **repent**, you will all likewise perish. ⁴Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you **repent**, you will all likewise perish. **Luke 13:1-5**

Repentance defined: *an inner change of the heart/mind – an internal U-turn that leads to a new way of thinking and seeing things that results in behavior and habit changes.*

Repentance is vital in starting the Christian life and growing in the Christian life.

Repentance lead the early church to experience salvation

“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.” When the people heard this, they were **cut to the heart** and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” Peter replied, “**Repent** and be baptized, every one of you... With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them: Save yourselves from this corrupt generation. Those who **accepted** his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Acts 2:36-38a, 40-41

Repentance lead the early church to produce spiritual fruit

“As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into **repenting**. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us. For godly grief **produces a repentance** that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death. For see what earnestness this godly grief has produced in you, but also what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what alarm, what zeal,

what discipline! At every point you have proved yourselves innocent in the matter.” **2 Corinthians 7:9-11**

Repentance and faith are the 2 sides of the same coin

*“(Apostle Paul): You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house. I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in **repentance** and have **faith** in our Lord Jesus.” Acts 20:20-21*

*“The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is **patient** toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should come to **repentance**” 2 Peter 3:9*

2. Do you think God’s patience toward those claiming to be followers but lack spiritual fruit will last? v6-9

⁶And he told this parable: A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷And he said to the vinedresser: Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground? ⁸And he answered him: Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. ⁹Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.

Don’t be left wondering – Each of us can know for sure:

*“**Examine yourselves** to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test **2 Corinthians 13:5***

*“Or do you **presume** on the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God’s kindness is meant to lead you to **repentance**?” **Romans 2:4***

*“Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new creation**, the old has gone, the new has come! **All this is from God**, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ **2 Corinthians 5:17-18a***