

# Repentance

**Mark 1:14** “Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,” **Verse 15:** “And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.”

The gospel that **Jesus Christ** taught in order for us to receive the kingdom of God is repentance. Therefore we must learn the meaning of repentance according to the Bible. First we must acknowledge our sins and confess them before God through **Jesus Christ**.

**Proverbs 28:13** “He that covereth (to not admit) his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh (to give up or leave) them shall have mercy.” In order for us to repent we must know what sin is so that we could forsake it.

**1<sup>st</sup> John 3:4** “Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.” Sin is the breaking of the laws of God; hence now you have a need to learn the laws of the most High. In order for us to repent we must learn for whom repentance is for. **Acts 5:31** “Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, **for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.**” Jesus Christ died for his people Israel to give them forgiveness of their sins when they repent. **Ephesians 2:12** “That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:” There is no hope for those who do not repent as an Israelite, because they are aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and without Christ.

As you learn of the laws of God and come to acknowledge your sins, ask pardon and do not continue in them. **Apocrypha Ecclesiasticus 21:1** “My son, hast thou sinned? do so no more, but ask pardon for thy former sins.” An example of this is given to us by the Apostle Paul. **Ephesians 4:28** “Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.” If you are a thief the scriptures instruct you to repent by asking pardon and stealing no more; also by becoming a new man/woman by working for yourself and to help those in need. Please read, Ephesians 4:22-24.

We urge our brothers and sisters that are sinning in ignorance to repent of their sins as the word says that they may be forgiven. **Acts 17:30** “And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:” **Verse 31:** “Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.” But if they do not repent they will have to answer to Christ at his second coming. **Ezekiel 18:30** “Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.”

## The 12 Tribes of Israel according to Ezekiel 37:16-17

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| 1. JUDAH    | 7. SIMEON    |
| 2. BENJAMIN | 8. ZEBULON   |
| 3. LEVI     | 9. REUBEN    |
| 4. EPHRAIM  | 10. NAPHTALI |
| 5. MANASSEH | 11. ASHER    |
| 6. GAD      | 12. ISSACHAR |

The 12 tribes of Israel are the descendants of slaves and the indigenous people of the Americas conquered and destroyed from 1492 until today. According to the Bible, they are scattered throughout the four corners of the earth. Read Deuteronomy 28:15-68 and II Esdras 13:40-46.

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