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MATTHEW

JESUS: KING OF THE JEWS

Regret, Sorrow, Repentance, and Belief

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Mark 11:27, “Then they came again to Jerusalem. And as He was walking in the temple, the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders came to Him.

Mark 11:28, “And they said to Him, ‘By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority to do these things?’ ”

Luke 20:1, “Now it happened on one of those days, as He taught the people in the temple and preached the gospel, that the chief priests and the scribes, together with the elders, confronted Him

Luke 20:2, “and spoke to Him, saying, ‘Tell us, by what authority are You doing these things? Or who is he who gave You this authority?’ ”

Matt. 21:28, “But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, ‘Son, go, work today in my vineyard.’

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Matt. 21:30, “Then he came to the second and said likewise. And he answered and said, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go.”

Matt. 21:31, “ ‘Which of the two did the will of his father?’ They said to Him, ‘The first.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you that tax collectors and harlots enter the kingdom of God before you.’ ”

Matt. 21:32, “For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him; but tax collectors and harlots believed him; and when you saw it, you did not afterward relent [regret] and believe him.”

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The Doctrine of Repentance and Remorse

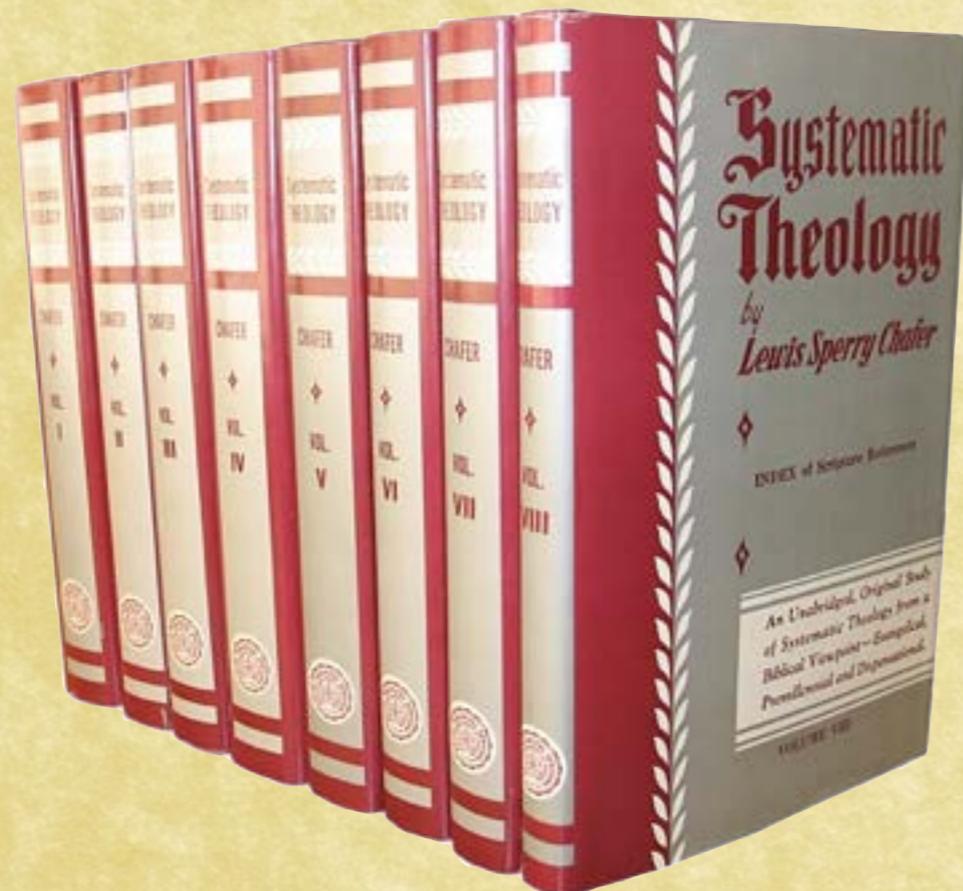
Luke 24:46, “Then He said to them, ‘Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day,

Luke 24:47, “ ‘and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.’ ”

2 Pet. 3:9, “The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”



“Therefore, it is as dogmatically stated as language can declare, that repentance is essential to salvation and that none could be saved, apart from repentance”



**L. S. Chafer, vol. 3,
p. 373.**

1. The Problem of Definition

feel or express sincere regret or remorse.

▶ feel regret or remorse about.

~OED

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1: to turn from sin and dedicate oneself to the amendment of one's life

2 a: to feel regret or contrition

b: to change one's mind verb transitive

1: to cause to feel regret or contrition

2: to feel sorrow, regret, or contrition for—

~Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 11th

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Gen. 15:6, “And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.”

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John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

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John 3:18, “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”

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Eph. 2:8, “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,

Eph. 2:9, “not of works, lest anyone should boast.”

3. Two words confused.

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μετάνοια *metanoia*, etymology: “after thought” repentance

4. Understanding 2 Cor. 7

2 Cor. 7:1, “Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”

ἐπιτελέω *epiteleō*

**pres act part masc plur
nom To complete,
perform**

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2 Cor. 7:10, “For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.

2 Cor. 7:11, “For observe this very thing, that you sorrowed in a godly manner: What diligence it produced in you, what clearing of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what vehement desire, what zeal, what vindication! In all things you proved yourselves to be clear in this matter.”

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2 Cor. 7:10, “For according to the standard of God’s character produces a change of mind leading to salvation [spiritual growth, phase 2], not to be a cause of sorrow; but the sorrow of the world produces death [carnal death].”

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What diligence it produced in you, what clearing of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what vehement desire, what zeal, what vindication! In all things you proved yourselves to be clear in this matter.

5. Remorse in and of itself is not bad, but it is not sufficient for anything spiritual.

6. Remorse in some cases leads to change.

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7. But even repentance does not necessarily lead to permanent change or even change for a few hours.

Luke 17:3, “Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.

Luke 17:4, “And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, ‘I repent,’ you shall forgive him.”

8. Repentance means to have an inward change of mind toward something.

toward God

toward Jesus

toward sin

But nowhere does the Bible say we are to change our mind about sin to be saved.