

Repentance

*...Repentance and remission of sins should be preached to all nations...
Luke 27:47*

Repentance is a concept that the Lord Himself proclaimed;
Sometimes it moved the multitudes, sometimes they were inflamed.
And though it pricks our pride to hear that God condemns our best,
Repentance is the stepping stone on which salvation rests.

Repentance is a sorrowing for all the sins we've done,
That glories in forgiveness through the death of God the Son.
It ushers in a change of heart where evil is abhorred,
But if no holiness results, "No one shall see the Lord."

We like to tout the love of God that triumphs over sin-
The grace of God that calms our souls and gives us peace within-
But forgiveness is just license to exploit His love and grace,
If repentance does not figure in the way we run the race.

If we concede that God is just in sending men to hell,
So we embrace the gospel hoping all will turn out well,
But we continue living just the way we did before,
It shows the faith we're counting on is rotten to the core.

We know we're saved by grace through faith, just as the Scriptures say,
But faith that's not ashamed of sin is dead in every way.
And saying we believe in God while challenging His right
To tell us how we ought to live is treating Him with spite.

If Jesus warned us to repent, believing in His word,
Then faith without repentance is essentially absurd.
Repentance is the evidence that validates our trust,
In Him whose death atones for sin and makes the sinner just.

*The Lord is...longsuffering towards us, not willing that any should perish,
but that all should come to repentance.
2 Peter 3:9*

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