

# Repent

Luke 3:7-9; 13:1-9

God prepared and sent John the Baptist to proclaim,

“Repent!” (Matthew 3:2).

Jesus Christ, Son of God, came all the way from heaven, urging people to

“Repent!” (Matthew 4:17).

“Repent” means to turn around,  
to make a radical change in one’s  
mind, heart, and behavior.

Jesus said:

*“I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”* (Luke 5:32, NIV)

And:

*“There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”* (Luke 15:10, NASB)

Immediately before He returned to heaven, He commanded His disciples

*“that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations.”* (Luke 24:47, NASB)

When people came to Him lamenting the deaths of some many people through accidents or cruel injustice,

Jesus told them,

*“unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.”* (Luke 13:5, NASB)

In the parable of the fruitless fig tree (Luke 13:6-9), Jesus urged them not to delay repentance or put it on their “someday” list of “things to do”.

He warned that

the unrepentant were already living on borrowed time, that judgment was now hanging over them.

John the Baptist had phrased it this way:

*“Indeed the axe is already being laid at the root of the trees; so every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”* (Luke 3:9, NASB)

God has solemnly, lovingly promised that

He will completely cleanse our world of  
all sin and  
all injustice.

He continues to call out with loving urgency:

Repent!

Turn around...NOW!

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