



**JESUS EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES-JEM**

**YOUR FOUNDATION IN  
JESUS CHRIST  
A  
STUDY GUIDE  
TO  
DISCIPLESHIP  
IN  
JESUS CHRIST**

Galatians 5:1: Stand fast therefore in the Liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

Pastors Bernard & Mary Gogo are the vessels of God who want to see the body of Christ stand fast in the liberty were with Christ has made them free. They pray that this manual will give them the firm foundation they need as they grow in Jesus Christ. AMEN

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## REPENTANCE

**What is repentance:** It is the changing of one's mindset or views of understanding according to God's word about sin in relation to the world, eternal judgement and the understanding of God's righteousness through Jesus Christ his only son and subsequently turning to God for salvation (Acts 2:36-38 & Acts 17:30)

**God's desire for you is to repent from your sins and turn to Him** (Mathew 3:2 & 4:17; Mark 1:15; Luke 13:3,5,16:30 & Acts 2:38, 17:30).

### WHAT REPENTANCE IS NOT

#### Not just feeling guilty

One feels guilty about sin before repentance, yet this guilty feeling *is not repentance*. Not all who feel guilty repent (Acts 24:24-25, e.g. **Felix did not repent but felt guilty**)

#### Not just being sorry for your sin

Some **feel sorry** because of the consequences of their actions or **they feel sorry because they have been caught doing something wrong**. Many **feel sorry, not because of the wrong they did but because of the penalty they will receive for being caught** (2 Corinthians 7:10).

#### Not just trying to be a good person

Many people **try in their own strength to become good or better people** by their own way. **They have a preset mind what they feel and think that God should accept as good, worthy and righteousness. Any self-effort of this kind is rooted in self-righteousness. It does not acknowledge the need for repentance** (Isaiah 64:6).

#### Not becoming religious

Religiosity gives us "**man-made dos, don'ts, rituals, rules and laws**" that we think God should accept and that should make Him happy and glad. The above rather **make us dictators to God and put Him in a cage in our minds unknowingly**. In short, we tell God by our actions what **we want to be and not what He would have us to do** (Mathew 3:7-10; 5:20)

#### Knowing about the truth is not repentance

Having an **intellectual head knowledge of and about the truth does not necessarily guarantee that the truth has become a living reality in one's life. Believing with the**

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**heart and believing with the head are two different & separate things** (Romans 10:10 & James 2:19-20).

Here are some more scripture verses on the study of what repentance is not (Mathew 15:8; Mark 7:6; 2 Corinthians 7:10b; James 1: 23-25 & 2 Peter 2:19-22)

## **WHAT IS TRUE REPENTANCE**

**Being sorry to God for your sin.** True repentance is **sorrow toward God first, people and then to yourself.** A time to be honest with yourself about your sin and to break free from it, with God's help (Psalm 38:8; 51:1-4).

### **Be truthful about your sin**

A time to know that sin is bent on destroying you, your life and future, **however Sin cannot stand the power in the blood of Jesus or any one washed in the blood of Jesus** (Psalm 32:5, Revelations 12:11)

### **Turning away from your sin.**

Forsake your sin and your past sinful life. Simply renounce them and turn away from them (Proverbs 28:13).

### **Hate sin and all its activities**

Have nothing to do at all with sin. Walk away from any sin and its activities (Ezekiel 20:43-44 & Hebrews 1:9a)

### **When possible, pay back what you owe others**

You can go back and ask for forgiveness from those whom you know you have wronged, restore what you have wrongfully taken away and compensate them **if or when possible** (Leviticus 6:1-7, Luke 19:8).

Here are some scripture verses on the subject above for further studies (Psalm 34:18; 51:17; Isaiah 57:15; Luke 15: 11-24 & 2 Corinthians 7:10a)

## **REPENTANCE INVOLVES**

Turning away from sin (Zechariah 1:4; Galatians 5:19-21, Ephesians 5:5).

Turning away from the world and its lust (1 John 2:15-17).

Turning away from your old nature and self (Luke 14:26-27 & 2 Corinthians 5:15).

Turning from the devil and from all devilish activities (Acts 26:18, Colossians 1:13).

Turning to God and Him alone (Zechariah 1:3)

Turning to the right way of life in God (Romans 6:13)

## **DO THE ABOVE IN YOUR DAILY WALK WITH THE LORD AND THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

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## **WHAT TO DO DURING REPENTANCE:**

God demand that you become born again through Jesus Christ (John 3: 3,5-8).

**Note: BORN AGAIN is the same as SAVED, BORN OF GOD (John1:13); BORN OF THE INCORRUPTIBLE SEED (1 Peter 1:23); BORN OF GOD'S WORD (1 Peter 1:23) & BORN OF WATER AND THE SPIRIT (John3:5).**

## **WHAT MUST I DO TO BE BORN AGAIN?**

**Turn to god through Jesus Christ his only son (john 6:37; Mathew 11:28).**

**Believe on the lord Jesus Christ with all your heart.**

You must believe on Jesus with all your heart (romans 10:9-10, acts 16 :31).

**You must confess Jesus Christ with your mouth as lord to god, to a member of the church of Jesus Christ and to yourself (romans 10: 9-11; Philippians 2: 9-11).**

**You must join a bible believing church, let us know the decision you just made about Jesus.**

**Tell a Christian friend or neighbor about your decision to put your faith into Jesus Christ. Ask how you can receive help to know more about Jesus Christ and his love for you.**

**You must be baptized into Jesus Christ, in the name of the father, son and the holy spirit (Mathew 28: 19-20; mark 16: 15-16).**

## **WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**

**You became born again and saved through Jesus Christ (John 1:11-13; 1 Peter 1:23 & 1 John 5:1,4).**

**Assurance of forgiveness of sins by God the Father through Jesus Christ (Luke 24: 46-47; Acts 5: 30-31; 13:37-38; 26:18; Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:14; Hebrews 1:3; 2:17; 8:12; 9:28; 10:17 & 1 John 1:9).**

**Assurance of salvation & eternal life (John 1:4; 3:15-16, 36a; 4:14; 5:24; 6:47,47-54, 57-58, 68; 10:10,17,28; 11:25; 14:6; 17:2-3; 20:31).**

**Assurance of heaven (Mathew 10:32; John 14:1-3; 17:24).**

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**Faith towards God:** The early disciples were known as BELIEVERS. Jesus said " Everything is possible for him who believes " (Mark 9:23).

**Faith means total dependence on God and what He gives.** Watch this! **When Adam sinned, he simply stepped out of God-dependence into in-dependence from God, which is unbelief.** Mankind cannot sustain himself without the help from God. This is one of the reasons why God has placed high priority on faith. **Faith begins by the making of a bridge through Jesus on which we walk, back into relationship with God which then means, going back into God-dependence.**



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