

## The Power of Repentance Series

### Part 4: Where The The Apostle Paul Placed Repentance

**Luke 18:9-17** 9 And He also told this parable to **some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt:** 10 "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

11 The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: 'God, **I** thank You that **I** am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 **I** fast twice a week; **I** pay tithes of all that **I** get.' 13 **But** the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, '**God**, be merciful to me, the sinner!'

14 **I tell you**, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone **who exalts himself** will be **humbled**, but he who **humbles himself will be exalted.**"

15 And they were bringing even their babies to Him so that He would touch them, but when the disciples saw it, they began rebuking them. 16 But Jesus called for them, saying, "Permit the children to come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. 17 **Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all.**"

**Galatians 1:13-14** For you have heard of my former manner of life in Judaism, how I used to persecute the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it; 14 and I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my countrymen, being more extremely zealous for my ancestral traditions.

**Philippians 3:4-6** although I myself might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, **I** far more:

5 circumcised the eighth day, of the nation of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the Law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to the righteousness which is in the Law, found blameless.

- Circumcised on the 8<sup>th</sup> day just like the Mosaic law said he should be:
- Of the tribe of Benjamin:
- A Hebrew of the Hebrews:
- A Pharisee:
- Shown his zeal, by his persecuting the assemblies of Jesus Christ:
- Blameless and righteous according to the law:

**1 Timothy 1:12-16** I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service,

13 even though **I** was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor. **Yet I was shown mercy** because **I** acted ignorantly in unbelief;

14 and **the grace of our Lord** was more than abundant, with the faith and love which are found in Christ Jesus. 15 It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom **I am foremost of all.** 16 **Yet for this reason I found mercy,** so that in me as the foremost, **Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience as an example** for those who would believe in Him for eternal life.

**1 Corinthians 1:9-10** God is faithful, **through whom you were called** into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

10 Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment. For I have been informed concerning you, my brethren, by Chloe's people, that there are quarrels among you. 12 Now I mean this, that each one of you is saying, "**I** am of Paul," and "**I** of Apollos," and "**I** of Cephas," and "**I** of Christ." 13 Has Christ been divided? Paul was not crucified for you, was he? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? 14 I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, 15 so that no one would say you were baptized in my name.

16 Now I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any other.

17 For Christ did not send me to baptize, **BUT to preach the gospel, not in cleverness of speech, so that the cross of Christ would not be made void.**

**Acts 22:3-5** I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city, **educated** under Gamaliel, strictly according to the law of our fathers, being **zealous** for God just as you all are today. 4 I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and putting both men and women into prisons, 5 as also the high priest and all the Council of the elders can testify. From them I also received letters to the brethren, and started off for Damascus in order to bring even those who were there to Jerusalem as prisoners to be punished.

**Acts 26:4-11** So then, all Jews know my manner of life from my youth up, which from the beginning was spent among my own nation and at Jerusalem;

5 since they have known about me for a long time, if they are willing to testify, that I lived as a Pharisee according to the strictest sect of our religion. 6 And now I am standing trial for the hope of the promise made by God to our fathers; 7 the promise to which our twelve tribes hope to attain, as they earnestly serve God night and day. And for this hope, O King, I am being accused by Jews. 8 Why is it considered incredible among you people if God does raise the dead?

9 "So then, **I** thought to myself that **I** had to do many things hostile to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. 10 And this is just what **I** did in Jerusalem; not only did **I** lock up many of the saints in prisons, having received authority from the chief priests, but also when they were being put to death **I** cast my vote against them. 11 And as **I** punished them often in all the synagogues, **I** tried to force them to blaspheme; and being furiously enraged at them, **I** kept pursuing them even to foreign cities.

**Acts 9:1-19** Now Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest, 2 and asked for letters from him to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. 3 As he was traveling, it happened that he was approaching Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him;

4 and he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" 5 And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" And He said, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting, 6 but get up and enter the city, and it will be told you **what you must DO.**" 7 The men who traveled with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. 8 Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; and leading him by the hand, they brought him into Damascus. 9 And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

10 Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and the Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." 11 And the Lord said to him, "**Get up and go** to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for a man from Tarsus named Saul, **for he is praying,**

12 and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him, so that he might regain his sight." 13 But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he did to Your saints at Jerusalem; 14 and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name."

15 **But the Lord said to him, "Go,** for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel; 16 for I will show him how much **he must suffer for My name's sake."**

17 So Ananias departed and entered the house, and after laying his hands on him said, "**Brother Saul,** the Lord Jesus, **who appeared to you** on the road by which you were coming, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18 And immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he regained his sight, and he got up **and was baptized;** 19 and he took food and was strengthened.

**Colossians 1:23-29** if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, **and of which I, Paul, was made a minister.**

24 **Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake,** and in my flesh I do my share on behalf of His body, which is the church, in filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions. 25 **Of this church I was made a minister** according to the stewardship **from God bestowed on me** for your benefit, **so that I might fully carry out the preaching of the word of God,** 26 that is, the mystery which has been hidden from the past ages and generations, but has now been manifested to His saints,

27 **to whom God willed to make known** what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. 28 We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ. 29 **For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.**

**Philippians 4:7-9** And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brethren, **whatever** is true, **whatever** is honorable, **whatever** is right, **whatever** is pure, **whatever** is lovely, **whatever** is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.

9 The things you have **learned** and **received** and **heard** and **seen in me**, **practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.**

**1 Corinthians 15:9-10** For I am the least of the apostles, and not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by **the grace of God** I am what I am, and **His grace toward me** did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, **yet not I, but the grace of God with me.**

**1 Timothy 1:15-16** It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, **among whom I am foremost of all.**

16 Yet for this reason **I found mercy, so that in me as the foremost,** Jesus Christ might demonstrate **His perfect patience as an example** for those who would believe in Him for eternal life.

**Philippians 3:4** although **I myself** might have confidence even in the flesh. If anyone else has a mind to put confidence in the flesh, **I far more:**

**1 Corinthians 2:3-5** I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling, 4 and **my** message and **my** preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 so that your faith would **not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.**

- Humility and the confession of his past sin
- His dependency on God's strength and forgiveness not his own
- His rejection of self-promotion, rather the promoting of Jesus Christ at all costs
- His gentleness, and empathy towards others in his leadership approach

- His sold-out sacrificial service to the body of Christ
- His humility again, in seeing himself as a servant rather than a master over everyone.

**Mark 10:42-45** Calling them to Himself, Jesus \*said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles **lord it over them**; and their great men **exercise authority over them**.

43 **But it is not this way among you, but** whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant; 44 and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be **slave** of all. 45 For even the Son of Man **did not come to be served, but to serve**, and to **give His life** a ransom for many."