

LESSON 9

CHAPTER 15. “Of Repentance unto Life and Salvation”

Repentance is a change of heart that results in a change of behavior. The desire and power to repent is from God. Repentance is necessary. Repentance is not penance.

I. Paragraph 1: Effectually called to repentance

A. God enables those He saves later in life to repent of their sinful habits.

II. Paragraph 2: Good news for the backslidden

A. Believers can fall into sin and backslide, but be renewed through repentance.

III. Paragraph 3: Repentance described

A. Repentance is an evangelical grace (i.e., it is not of ourselves).

B. The Holy Spirit reveals the sin to the regenerate mind.

1. Holy Spirit conviction produces Godly sorrow

a. Godly sorrow is deeper than simple guilt or regret.

2. Holy Spirit conviction produces a hatred of sin.

C. Repentance is humble not arrogant.

D. Repentance produces prayers for forgiveness, power to change, and a Godly resolve.

E. The repentant soul lives to please God.

IV. Paragraph 4: Repentance, a duty

A. Due to remaining sin, repentance is a way of life for believers.

B. Unbelievers are under the command of God to repent.

C. Some of our sins are particularly known by us (and possibly others) and we are to pay particular attention to deal with these.

V. Paragraph 5: Repentance preached

A. Whether small or great, all known sins should be repented of.

B. Repentance should be preached and taught as a constant reminder of our need to repent.

Discussion Questions:

What about chronic repenters?

How does repentance relate to the practice of rededication?