

**Jesus to Our**

**Rescue**

**Matthew 19: 27-30**

- VIII. Repentance

- 8. We believe that repentance, which is a sincere and thorough change of the mind in regard to sin, involving a sense of personal guilt and a voluntary turning away from sin, is demanded of all who have by act or purpose become sinners against God. The Spirit of God gives to all who will repent the gracious help of penitence of heart and hope of mercy, that they may believe unto pardon and spiritual life.

- **IX. Justification, Regeneration, and Adoption**
- **9. We believe that justification is the gracious and judicial act of God by which He grants full pardon of all guilt and complete release from the penalty of sins committed, and acceptance as righteous, to all who believe on Jesus Christ and receive Him as Lord and Savior.**
- **10. We believe that regeneration, or the new birth, is that gracious work of God whereby the moral nature of the repentant believer is spiritually quickened and given a distinctively spiritual life, capable of faith, love, and obedience.**

- **IX. Justification, Regeneration, and Adoption**
- **11. We believe that adoption is that gracious act of God by which the justified and regenerated believer is constituted a son of God.**
- **12. We believe that justification, regeneration, and adoption are simultaneous in the experience of seekers after God and are obtained upon the condition of faith, preceded by repentance; and that to this work and state of grace the Holy Spirit bears witness.**
- ***Manual: Church of the Nazarene, 2009-2013.*  
Kansas City, MO : Nazarene Publishing House,  
2009, S. 32**

## Here's the Deal

- We are “sin-dead” : spiritually and at some point physically. Spiritual interest and religiosity is not a proof of spiritual life. It is evidence of spiritual need.

## Jesus is Our Only Hope of Salvation

- He is the **Guilt Remover; the Penalty fixer; the Eternal Life Giver;**
- **Eternal Life ingredients giving both live now and yet to come:**
  - Justification – Legal Status
  - Regeneration – Power
  - Adoption – Belongingness
  - Initial Sanctification - Heart Motive Led by God

# The Repentance Key

- It is a sincere and through change of MIND
  - Guilt and voluntary turning are a part of the matter
  - It is a linking of our mind change to our heart change. The Spirit within goes about the business or removing background viruses eating up your heart drive.
- “For many of us it could be less about guilt and more about shame – a glob of unworthiness we cannot tie to a concrete sin we are guilty of.” Yancey
- So we mostly associate repentance with shame and paying our pound of flesh rather than an incredible change of heart and mind.

## Try This

**Say to your friends and acquaintances this week:**

**“When I say “Evangelical Christian”  
what comes to mind?”**

**See if anyone speaks of grace.**

**Yet Christianity’s Gift to the World  
is GRACE!**

# Unlocking Grace

- Repentance makes your head and heart available to Jesus who starts a full scan.
- He not only deals with your concrete sin, but he opens the junk files running and growing unbeknownst to you in the background of your heart.
- These files seem evidence against experiencing the full love of the Father.
  - Stop the cycle of “ungrace” blame, shame, simmering judgment, perfectionism in “Jesus Name”

A photograph of a waterfall in a lush forest. The water is white and frothy as it falls from the top left, creating a misty spray at the base. The surrounding trees are dense and green, with sunlight filtering through the canopy. The water in the pool below is a vibrant turquoise color, with white foam from the waterfall's base. Large, dark rocks are visible in the foreground and to the right of the pool.

**GRACE**

**Running freely**

**Laughing**

**Chuckling**

**Delighting**

**Splashing All over us**

**With love**

**He lavishes us with love.  
He gives generously to us who  
need wisdom without finding  
fault.**

**He is rich in kindness,  
tolerance and patience  
His grace is exceedingly  
abundant and indescribable**

**The riches of the young man made it obvious:**

**God was Gracing Him**

**When told to give it all away to receive eternal life,  
he went away sorrowing.**

**The disciples were flabbergasted!**

**We didn't have much but we gave it all.**

**What will happen to us? (Mt.19:16-30)**

**You will receive 10,000 %**

**It is the nature of heaven to rejoice when**

**GRACE is given away and received!!!**

**Why do you limit the exchange of grace to an eyedropper?**

**Freely give, freely receive.**