

# The Anointed Life Series

## How Repentance is Given

**Acts. 5:29 - 32**

# Christ made Repentance: Possible – Available - Transformational

- The OT does not mention repentance but it does say, :The soul that sins it shall die.” Ezk18:20
- Without the power of Jesus involved, repentance is of little value.
  - We may experience deep remorse, even crippling depression...of what value is that?
  - Repentance is so tainted with selfish fear of punishment, that it makes little lasting impact on life.
- Compare this with the intervention and intercession of Jesus – acceptance by the Father leading to a changed heart.

# The Holy Spirit is Our Default Button!

- Our heart of stone becomes a heart of flesh.
- We do not need many tears, clenched jaws, self punishment, sacrifices etc. to demonstrate repentance.
- Repentance too, is a work of the overshadowing Holy Spirit.
  - Ask Him: “Dwell within me. Make my heart humble and tender. Let me hate sin with simplicity and true repentance.”

# Life Under the Providence of God Supports Our Salvation

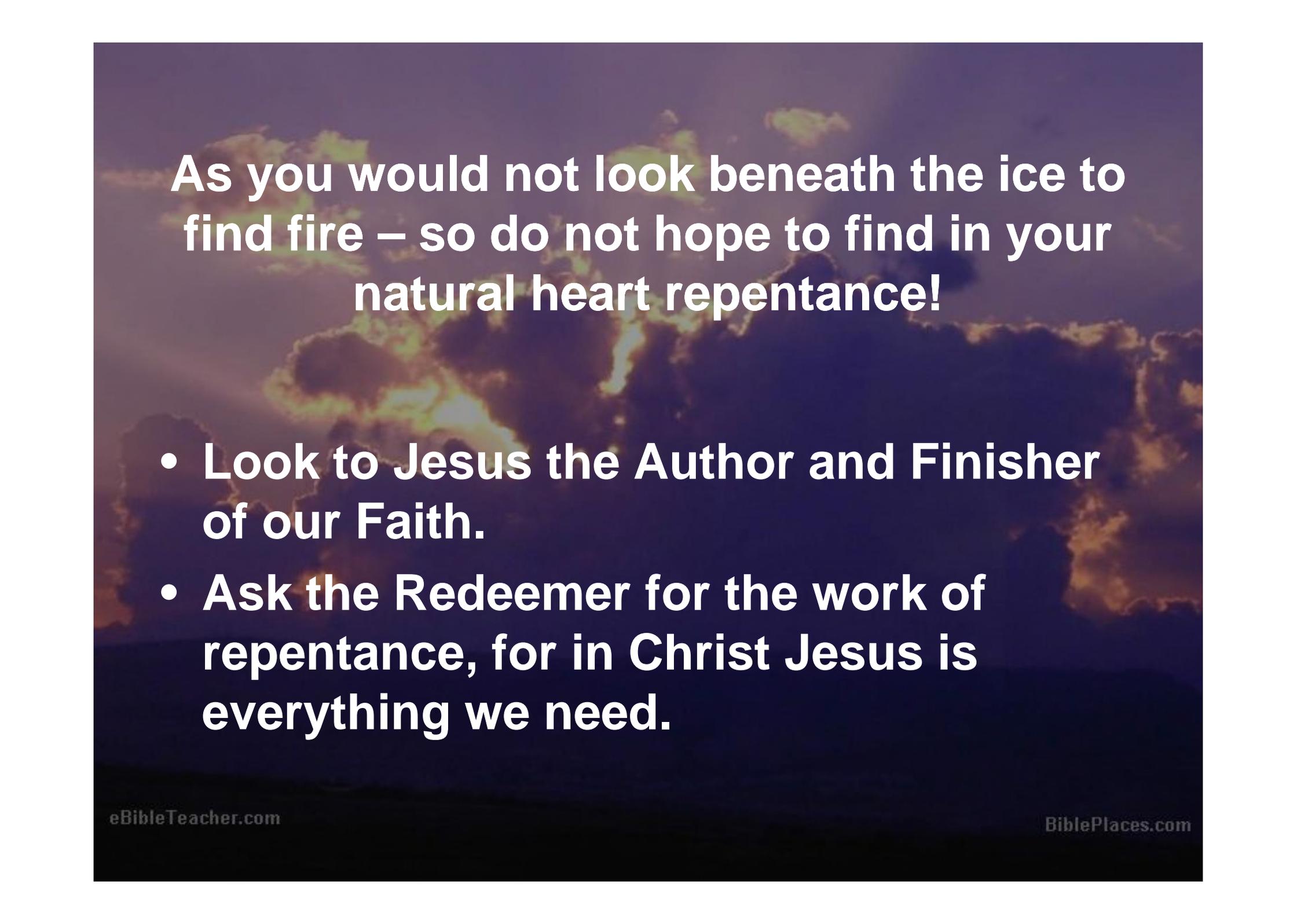
- From the right hand of God, Jesus rules all things and works in them as our Redeemer.
- He uses both the bitter and the sweet; trials and joys; that in the movement of life we will be more like him.
- Poor? Sick? Sad? Do you not know that in all this Jesus works his will for our salvation? *“The Lord’s mercy often rides to our hearts on the horse of affliction.”* Charles Spurgeon
- *In the timing of Providence, he subdues hard hearts by the softening of repentance.*

# Repentance Getting through to Us

- The Holy Spirit speaks in our conscience as the rod struck the rock.
- The Holy Spirit speaks as we read or hear the Word of God and it touches our heart.
- The Holy Spirit speaks through those who preach or teach the Book.
- The Holy Spirit speaks through praying friends softening our mind and attitudes.
- He who began a good work in you will be faithful to complete it – ask him.

# Think Though What Jesus Did

- Rather than pump up feelings of repentance, take your heart to the one who understands.
- Here is my heart Lord:
  - Cleanse it
  - Renew it
  - Work repentance in it.
- He says he can do this work. Do you believe him or not?



**As you would not look beneath the ice to find fire – so do not hope to find in your natural heart repentance!**

- **Look to Jesus the Author and Finisher of our Faith.**
- **Ask the Redeemer for the work of repentance, for in Christ Jesus is everything we need.**