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1 Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. **2** Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? **3** I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.

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“Pilate had evidently slaughtered some Galileans, perhaps during an act of protest in the temple. Such an action would be in line with Pilate’s reputation for cruelty.”

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Luke 13:4-5

4 Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them — do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? **5** I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.”

“But unless you repent”

“In ancient times it was often assumed that a calamity would befall only those who were extremely sinful. But Jesus pointed out that all are sinners who must repent or face a fearful end.”

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“His [Jesus’] point is that with death comes a decisive encounter with God, one that does deal with sin. Whether one is a little sinner or a big one, repentance now is the only way to survive that coming encounter.”

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Luke 13:6-7

6 Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. **7** So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’”

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Luke 13:8-9

8 “ ‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. **9** If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’ ”

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Isaiah 5:2

2 He dug it up and cleared it of stones and planted it with the choicest vines. He built a watchtower in it and cut out a winepress as well. Then he looked for a crop of good grapes, but it yielded only bad fruit.

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“In the Old Testament, a fruitful tree was often used as a symbol of Godly living. Jesus pointed out what would happen to the other kind of tree - the kind that took valuable time and space and still produced nothing for the patient gardener. This was one way Jesus warned his listeners that God would not tolerate forever their lack of productivity.”

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“Luke 13:6-9 shows that God is patient, but there does come a time when it is too late to repent. Those who anticipate a kind of deathbed repentance so they can “enjoy” life until the end usually do not care to repent when the end comes... We must respond to God before it is too late or before we become accustomed to sinful ways.”

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Revelation 16:8-11

8 The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and the sun was given power to scorch people with fire. **9** They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God, who had control over these plagues, but they refused to repent and glorify him.

10 The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and his kingdom was plunged into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in agony **11** and cursed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, but they refused to repent of what they had done.

Application

We must repent of our sins

Final Thoughts

“Repentance is not an emotion or a mere mental assent to a proposition. It is a reorientation to a new life. To repent is not merely to regret things we have done or to apologize for them or to recognize a wrong has been committed.

**To repent is to agree that a change of direction is required, and to respond accordingly...
To repent means seeing that life lived outside of God and Christ is not life as God meant it.”**

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Final Thoughts

“Faith and repentance are themselves fruits of regeneration. But as a practical matter, repentance is inseparable from faith. Turning toward Christ in faith is impossible without turning away from sin in repentance.

**The idea there can be saving
grace without repentance, and
that one can be justified by
embracing Christ as Savior while
refusing Him as Lord is a
dangerous error.”**

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Final Thoughts

Psalm 51:1-4

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. **2** Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before
me. **4** Against you, you only,
have I sinned and done what is
evil in your sight; so you are
right in your verdict and
justified when you judge.

Final Thoughts

Job 42:6

**6 Therefore I despise myself
and repent in dust and
ashes.”**

Final Thoughts

Luke 3:7-9

7 John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath?”

8 Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you that out of these stones God can raise up children for Abraham. **9** The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

Final Thoughts

Mark 1:15

15 “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

Final Thoughts

Romans 12:1-2

1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God — this is your spiritual act of worship.

2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Final Thoughts

2 Corinthians 6:2

2 For he says, “In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you.” I tell you, now is the time of God’s favor, now is the day of salvation.