

The epistle of James

The work required in the epistle of James who says he has faith (belief) is the work that perseverance ends (Jas 1: 4), that is, it is to remain believing in the perfect law, the law of freedom (Jas 1:25) .

Did Mary pour perfume on Jesus' feet?

Mary, called Magdalene, is not Lazarus' sister. The only information we have about Mary Magdalene is that she has freed from evil spirits and that she was present at the time of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, accompanying her mother, Mary.

Parents, children and the church

As members of society, Christian parents need to educate their children, and they must not leave such a charge to the church, or any other institution.

The parable of the locust of the prophet Joel

The damage described by the action of locusts, refers to the great evils resulting from the war with foreign nations and not to legions of demons. It is an unprecedented lie to say that each type of grasshopper represents legions of demons, who act on the lives of men.

Victory over the world

Those who believe in Christ should not be troubled (John 14: 1). The afflictions of this present world are certain, however, they are not to compare with the glory of the world to come, in which you are a participant.

Being born of water and the Spirit

The doctrine of Jesus only made evident what was recording in the prophets: to be born of water and the Spirit is the same as God sprinkling pure water on man.

You are eternal

I pray to God that you can believe in this truth, because this God made man, was tried in everything, but he was also approved, because he obeyed God in everything, until death, for which he received life back: he rose from the dead and it became the salvation of everyone who believes.

There is no condemnation to those who are in Christ

The “gospel” is contrary to the “law,” just as, respectively, “newness of mind” disputes the “old age of the letter,” or “preaching of faith” opposes the “works of the law,” or “spirit.” contrary to the ‘flesh’.

The plan that the Father hath not planted

The plan that the Father hath not planted, comes from the corruptible seed of Adam. This seed is not subject to the will of God. It is an enmity seed and all that it is born, can not see the kingdom of God “Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be” (Rom 8: 7).

On one occasion Jesus stood in the synagogue in Nazareth, and gave him the book of Isaiah. When He opened the book, he found the text that read, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the poor hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and sight restoration. to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord ...” (Luke 4:18 -19).

That’s when Jesus said to the people: “Today this scripture is fulfilled in your ears” (Luke 4:21).

When Jesus was among the men, the Spirit of God was upon Him (John 10:30). Jesus’ mission was to bring good news to the poor in spirit (Matthew 5: 3). He was sent to comfort the brokenhearted. Jesus presented himself as freedom for the captives of sin. The blind, Jesus is the Light. The oppressed by sin find freedom in Christ. Jesus inaugurated the time (year) when men are acceptable before God (2 Corinthians 6: 2).

Isaiah prophesied that after Jesus fulfill its mission, the men would be called trees of righteousness, the planting of Jehovah, that God might be glorified.

Through the work accomplished by Christ, men would be called justice plantation, ie “the Father planted plants”.

The word of God (the gospel) is the seed that gives rise to the ‘trees of righteousness’ “This, then, is the parable: The seed is the word of God” (Luke 8:11). Plants planted the Father, comes from the incorruptible seed, which is the word of God (1 Peter 1:23).

Christ is the sower, and all those who preach the good news of the gospel “The sower soweth the word” (Mark 4:14). But to sow the word, you must be born of the will of God. You need to be

empowered to be made a child of God (John 1:12 -13).

There is no way the word of the gospel if man is not born of her. In other words, it is only possible for man to produce the fruit of lips that profess Christ, after it is generated word.

That is why the gospel is the power of God to everyone who believes (1 Cor 1:18; 1 Corinthians 2: 5; Rom 1:16). The gospel is power from God who gives life to men.

Jesus came "... to restore sight to the blind ...", but the Pharisees and scribes believed they had perfect vision of heavenly things. The mission that Jesus came to realize, was not observed in those who believed they had a perfect view "And Jesus said unto him: I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind. And some of the Pharisees who were with him heard it, they said unto him, are we blind Jesus said to them: If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say: we see; therefore your sin remains" (John 9:39 -41).

Jesus came for the sick, but the religious believed themselves are: "When Jesus heard this, said to them, not the healthy who need a physician, but rather those who are sick; I came not to call the righteous, but , but sinners to repentance" (Mark 2:17).

But why the Pharisees and scribes who were considered are? Because they believed that they were children of God, being descendants of Abraham "They said, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God" (John 8:41).

The Pharisees and scribes were correct? They were the children of God by being descendants of Abraham? Do Not! The children of God come from the same faith of Abraham, the believer and not corruptible seed in the patriarch's descent "So then they that are of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham" (Gal 3: 9).

For men be blessed as faithful Abraham, that is, children of the Most High, one must believe in the word of God as Abraham believed and that it will be for righteousness. God is no respecter of persons and all who believe as Abraham believed, are justified by His grace.

When Abraham believed God, He became justice of tree, plant the Lord planted (justified). However, their fleshly descendants did not reach the same condition before God.

Being the son of Abraham is to practice the works of Abraham, that is, to believe in God's word. You receive the incorruptible seed in the heart. This is the work of God: believe in the one He sent (John 8:39; John 6:29). Abraham performed the works of God because he believed in God, but their descendants, entrusted in the flesh, that is, in its origin, did not believe that God sent, and therefore did not believe in God.

The Pharisees and scribes were descendants of Abraham (John 8:37), but they were not children of God. They thought it was enough to profess to be descendants of Abraham to reach the divine sonship (Mt 3: 9).

The Pharisees and scribes were not plants planted by God (did not believe in Christ) and, therefore, would be torn (likely the judgment of God) "Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:18).

We know that those who do not believe in Christ, are plants not planted by the Father, and those who believe, are trees of righteousness, plants belonging to the Father.

But when and where the wicked men were planted, since all men are plants?

The Jews considered that they were children of God by being

descendants of Abraham in the flesh. They forgot that Abraham received the divine sonship when he believed God, and it was imputed for justice.

Although the Jews were descendants of Abraham according to the flesh, however, were still children of Adam, as a child of God is only possible through faith.

That is, all men born in Adam are plants that the Father hath not planted. There are trees of righteousness, and therefore is not planting of the Lord!

Abraham was a descendant of Adam, the flesh, and generated carnal children. Their descendants were conceived in sin, just as all men are conceived "Behold was shapen in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me" (Ps 51: 5).

Through Abraham's faith became a plant that the Father planted because it was justified by God. But their descendants continued to be generated according to the flesh of Abraham, which refers to Adam.

Although Abraham has reached the condition of spiritual man to trust in the promise of God, however, he continued to bear children after the flesh, corruptible seed participants of Adam.

Only those born of God are created spiritual men. Abraham was the son of God by faith and only those who believe in God as faithful Abraham, are generated from him.

Humanity is a crop from a corruptible seed (which will not remain forever), the seed of Adam. Every man who comes into the world are plants that the Father hath not planted and that is why the Bible says that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

For born of the flesh, the man of will and blood, men come into the world under condemnation. Only after being born

again, according to the will of God (Spirit) and the incorruptible seed (water), man becomes planting of the Lord.

“And all your people will be righteous, shall inherit the land for ever; the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be glorified” (Isaiah 60:21).

To be born again, you need to be planted by God (branch of my planting). The new creature in Christ is generated exclusively the work of God’s hands. There is no man actively participate in the new birth, as it is glory to God alone belongs.

For man to be planted by the Father one must believe in the word of God that says, “Look unto me and be saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else” (Isaiah 45:22). Who looks at the author and finisher of our faith is because he believed that only God can save him.

Who does not believe in the only begotten Son of God makes it look, and suffer the consequences of sin in the same way that the bitten by snakes in the desert that looked not (believe) to the brazen serpent suffer, at the time the Hebrews crossed the desert the road to the promised land!

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Plants that were not planted by God will be uprooted because not stand the judgment: “Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous” (Psalm 1: 5).

In this respect, predicted John the Baptist: “And now also the ax is laid to the root of the trees: every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire”

(Matthew 3:10).

While the Pharisees and scribes continued professing that they were children of God by being descendants of Abraham, would be producing bad fruit, which indicated that they were not the Father planted plants and subject to the wrath of God.

Only trees that produce good fruit, that is, who profess the nearness of the kingdom of heaven (Christ) will remain forever (Hebrews 13:15). There will be cut, for God himself planted them, and will forever be works of God's hands. Shoots (plants) planted by God.

Repentance

The biblical repentance does not constitute a change of attitude promoted by human consciousness. Integrates a life before men says another aspect of the Christian life, not repentance promoted by the gospel. True repentance says a change in the design (metanoia), ie, a change in thinking about how man attains salvation of God.

“And think not to yourselves, saying, We have Abraham to our father...” (Mt 3: 9)

To achieve salvation in Christ was necessary a big change (radical) in its way of thinking, this change was when you heard the gospel message and believed in Christ. The gospel is good news that produces a radical transformation in the way we understand salvation. This radical change in thinking that the gospel down the man Who was without God is named in the Bible of Repentance. Repentance is change in design, concept, about

how man attains salvation of God.

Many scribes and Pharisees came to the baptism of John the Baptist, but even after being baptized, still declaring that they were children of God by being descendants of Abraham. John the Baptist observed through what professed that they had a genuine repentance "And think not Just say we have Abraham to our father" (Mt 3: 9). It was necessary to the scribes and Pharisees repent of their misconceptions about how to be saved, that is, as a child of God. John the Baptist is emphatic, for even the stones God is able to make children to Abraham, that is, to make (create) children to Himself.

What is your conception of salvation? Have you ever regretted fact? You are producing fruits worthy of repentance?

For you to answer and check that you have reached the genuine repentance, note the following:

1. a) All men have repented of something they did wrong in the course of his life. Repent of their mistakes, attitudes, decisions, etc. But is this kind of repentance granting Salvation?
2. b) A person Who lived a dissolute life of crime, promiscuity and lies, but at the repent of mistakes (attitudes) and goes to live in a monastery, reached the genuine repentance?
3. c) A citizen dedicated to live an orderly life in society, religious, and to commit an unlawful or wrongful act, and feel deep sorrow for his act, reached true repentance?

Do Not! Are not these types of regrets that described above that John recommended! This repentance promoted by human consciousness is what the Bible calls repentance from dead works.

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True repentance says a change in the design, ie, in thinking about how to achieve the salvation of God.

For the Pharisees and scribes was not enough to assume that they were children of God by being descendants of Abraham "And think not to yourselves, saying, We have Abraham to our father" Matthew 3: 9 For the Rich Young Ruler was not enough to fulfill the Law or do something for salvation "Good Teacher, what good must I do to have eternal life?" (Matthew 19: 16). Nicodemus was not enough to be a judge, master, Pharisees, Jewish, etc. "There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews" (John 3: 1).

Peter, speaking of repentance, urged the Jews to change their thinking and point of view about the Christ Who crucified. Only after the Jews believe in Christ as Lord would repentant fact (Acts 2:38).

Note that John the Baptist did not rebuke the Pharisees and scribes about mistakes they had committed. Before, should repent because, that is, because of the proximity of the Kingdom of God, which is Christ among men "Repent, because it is the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 3: 1 -2).

The mission of John the Baptist was this: to prepare the way

of the Lord, that is, proclaim to men that they needed to abandon their conception of how to be saved, and receive Christ.

On one occasion Jesus rebuked some disciples who had no genuine repentance. Note that these disciples believed in Christ, but they trusted that they were saved by being descendants of Abraham. They had not had a genuine repentance, since they were still attached to the old concept of how to achieve the salvation of God.

“Jesus Said to those Jews which believed on him, If ye abide in my word, then are ye my disciples the know the truth and the truth will set you They said.. We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves of anyone” (John 8: 11 -34).

Those Jews had not repented. They were simple followers of Christ, because of Bread, miracles, of a king, etc. But, when defendants that to be true disciples had to know the truth, that is, leave the ignorance of sin (repentance), showed what was their conception of salvation: they trusted in their own conceit, that they were the descendants of Abraham.

The followers of Christ (the Jews Who believed in him) were in the same condition of the scribes and Pharisees Who were the baptism of John the Baptist: they trusted that salvation came from the generation (offspring) of Abraham (Mt 3: 9) compare with (John 8:33).

So if you believed in Christ as your one and only savior, and left the old conception that it was necessary sacrifices, prayers, punishments, origins, charity, religion, etc., to be saved, you have reached the genuine repentance. Have you repented of fact, there was a change of mind comes from

knowing the gospel Who freed from ignorance of sin.

Because you have repented genuinely now to profess the name of Christ as the only savior, you are producing the worthy fruit of repentance, that is, the fruit of lips that profess Christ as Lord (Acts 4:12; Heb 13:15).

An error on repentance arises from misinterpretation of the verse: "Bring forth fruits worthy of repentance" (John 3: 8), when infer that 'fruits worthy of repentance' refers to human behavior. Note that the fruit that John the Baptist Said says what the man professes about how one attains salvation, since then He comes to the presumption of the Pharisees and scribes.

Why what one professes (fruit) evidence if she repented or not? Because the behavior is something external, that no evidence what is in the human heart. Note that the false prophets come disguised as sheep (behavior), but inwardly they are ravening wolves, and only by their fruits (which profess) can meet them (Mt 7:15 -16).

Questions and Answers:

1) What is the thinking of the scribes and Pharisees on how to achieve salvation? (Mt 3: 9)

1. They thought it was enough to be a descendant of Abraham (son in the flesh) to reach the divine sonship.

2) Name four examples of 'repentance' that does not promote salvation:

1. Repent a fight with her husband; repent to behave poorly in school; repent not make an important decision in life; repent for having omitted helps someone.

3) What is repentance to salvation?

1. abandon the old concepts on how to achieve salvation and accept the doctrine of Christ.

4) What the rich young man thought was needed to be saved?

1. Do some 'good' to God.

5) What advice of Peter to the Jews who crucified the Lord Jesus?

1. Repent, or abandon the concepts concerning membership in the flesh of Abraham and the law of Moses, and be baptized in the name of Jesus (Acts 2:38).

6) What advice would John the Baptist gave to the scribes and Pharisees to be saved?

1. Do not think that just say, we have a Father Abraham. Repent, or abandon this concept!

7) As the true believer produces worthy of repentance fruit?

Professing Jesus as Lord of your life according to the truth contained in the Bible.