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Acts 17:30-31 "All men everywhere ..."
Romans 3:23 "for all have sinned ..."
Romans 4:15 "... where there is no law,
 neither is there transgression."

Therefore, all are under law!

REPENTANCE COMMANDED

- *By John. Matthew 3:2*
- *By Jesus. Matthew 4:17; Luke 13:3,5*
- *Great Commission. Luke 24:47*
- *By Disciples. Mark 6:12*
- *By Apostles. Acts 2:38; 11:18*

REPENTANCE Is Not ...

- *Fear*
- *Confession*
- *Being sorry*
- *Simply a reformation of life*
- *Being aware of sin*
- *Prayer*
- *"Coming forward"*
- *Doing penance*
- *Remorse or regret*
- *"If I have ..."*

REPENTANCE

- *metanola* – "a change of mind for the better, heartily to AMEND with abhorrence of one's past sins." (Thayer, 405)
- "This change of mind involves BOTH a turning from sin and a turning to God." (W.E. Vine, Volume 3, page 281)
- "John did not call on people to be sorry, but to change their mental attitudes AND CONDUCT." (A.T. Robertson, *Word Pictures*, Volume 1, page 24)

Examples of Repentance

- *Jews on Pentecost. Acts 2:37-38*
- *Ninevites. Matthew 12:41; cf. Jonah 3:10*
- *Rebellious son. Matthew 21:28-29*
- *Prodigal son. Luke 15:11-21*

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- *Thessalonians turned from idols.*
1 Thessalonians 1:9
- *Ephesians burned their books. Acts 19:19*
- *Jailor "washed their stripes." Acts 16:33*
- *Corinthians turned from former practices.*
1 Corinthians 6:9-11

These all brought forth fruit worthy of repentance! cf. Luke 3:8; Acts 26:19-20