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**Acts 17:30-31** "All men everywhere..."

**Rom 3:23** "for all have sinned..."

**Rom 4:15** "...where there is no law,  
neither is there transgression."

**Therefore, all are under law!**

## REPENTANCE IS:

- *metanoia* – "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, Vol. 3, pg. 281)
- "John did not call on people to be sorry, but to change their mental attitudes AND CONDUCT." (A.T. Robertson, Word Pictures, Vol. 1, pg. 24)

## Does Not Remove Temporal Consequences

- Convicted murderer does not escape death penalty. **Acts 25:11**
- Convicted thief does not escape "due reward." **Lk. 23:40-43**
- Convicted prodigal does not regain wasted money. **Lk. 15:13**
- Convicted adulterer not free to "marry another" or continue adultery. **Mt. 19:9**

## What Produces Repentance?

- **Bible preaching.** cf. **Jonah 3:1-2**  
– "Preach the preaching that I bid thee."  
cf. **Luke 11:32**
- **The goodness of God.** **Rom. 2:4**
- **The Judgment to come.** **Acts 17:30-31**
- **Godly sorrow.** **2 Cor. 7:10**

## Fruits of Repentance- "For behold..." 2 Corinthians 7:11

- Can see the effects of repentance!  
– **Earnest care** – Haste (with care) to correct sin
  - Acts 8:20
  - Gal. 2:11ff

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- Can see the effects of repentance!
  - *Clearing* – Diligent change answered critics
    - 2 Cor. 7:14-16
    - Matthew 5:16
    - 1 Pet. 4:14-16
    - James 2:7

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  - *Indignation* – Displeasure over previous sin
    - Gen. 39:9
    - Luke 15:1
    - Mt. 23
    - 1 Cor. 5
    - Jude 23
    - 1 Tim. 1:12-15

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  - *Fear* – Dread of not pleasing God or further contamination. 1 Cor. 5:6
    - cf. 1 Cor. 4:18-21; 2 Cor. 5:11
    - Ps. 111:18
    - 1 Cor. 15:33; Eph. 5:11; Gal. 6:1

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  - *Longing* – Earnest desire to do & be right
    - 2 Cor. 7:7
    - Luke 15:1,2,17,18 Better way to live.

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  - *Zeal* – Fervent spirit, not apathetic neglect
    - Rom. 10:1-3
    - Rev. 3:16

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- Can see the effects of repentance!
  - *Avenging* – Sin no longer tolerated
    - 1 Cor. 5; cf. 2 Cor. 2:6

## Fruits of Repentance-

*"For behold..." 2 Corinthians 7:11*

- Can see the effects of repentance!
  - *"Approved yourselves to be pure"*  
Cleansed from every fault