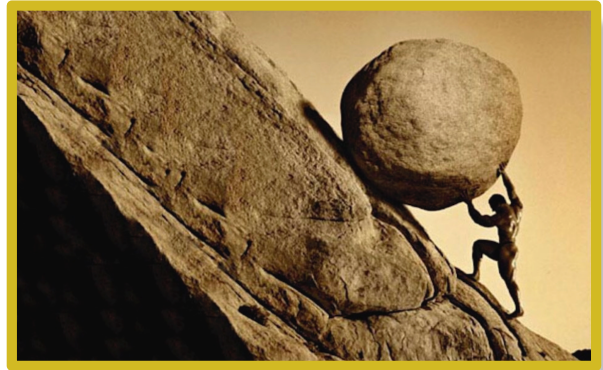


PENANCE AND EXPIATION

“Why is it that humans’ natural propensity is to reject the teachings of God? Is it a predisposition to disobey, and a drive to do all in a way that pleases man—and not the One Who created them? Is it the influence of the flesh, and the promptings of Satan? Is it the weakness of pride, that is part of the human will? Yes, and many more causes as well.

When one accepts Christ as their Savior, they are washed clean and absolved from all sins, if the conversion is truly from the heart. This is the perfect state of union with God, and the human is indeed saved.

If then, the person continues in the Will of God for the rest of their life on Earth, then that path leads to Heaven. However, few are those who have that great of control over the physical, and thus fall back into sin. Blessed are those who do not sin willfully or seriously... yet there is redemption for those who do, providing that the sin is not as grievous or continuous, as to grieve The Holy Spirit to leave forever.



For those serious sinners who do not grieve The Holy Spirit, their way back into the grace of God is through repentance and expiation. Why is expiation now necessary, when Christ took the penalty of sin for mankind on His shoulders? Because, after being washed clean by the Blood of Jesus, there is no sacrifice for willful sins, after this act. This is stated clearly in the Word (Hebrews 10:26-31), and needs to be taken as doctrine, and reviewed with a full heart often; for many are those who fall into Hell, who do not accept this doctrine, and live it.

Now that there is no sacrifice if one sins after salvation, how are sins washed then? In the Old Covenant, a life had to be given in the form of an animal sacrifice, and the sinner had to repent and turn from all sin. Since now, there are no animal nor sacrifices of Christ that covers after-salvation sin...there has been a facet added to New Covenant forgiveness, and that is expiation; repentance is still necessary, as it was in the Old Covenant...and as the pledge was made to Christ; but now since there is no sacrifice of life, the sinner will sacrifice a part of their life on an ongoing basis, until the sin is completely covered, including any collateral damage from the sin.

Thus, depending on the severity of the sin, the period of expiation may proceed for many years; and if the person’s life span is not that long to accommodate this period of penance, then the final penance is completed in Purgatory.

Look at the scriptures, both in the Old and New Covenants, and you will find examples of expiation with every sinner; and God’s Word bears similarities to all creation, including all heavenly and hellish realms. Do not ignore this principle, for even though the words ‘expiation or penance’ do not appear frequently in the Word of God...some even outside what modern man calls the ‘Bible’, still this is a fundamental doctrine of salvation.

This is an 'example teaching', and not by text for the most part; but still one of the most important doctrines of salvation for those who have a hope of Heaven.

Look at your own life and how sin has ravaged you, even after salvation. Do you think that this is just bad luck, or random misfortune?

Do not sin, and then you will have nothing to pay for—other than the general curses of man.

Take this knowledge into your mind and put it forefront.

Blessings,

Ruach HaKodesh"

—John Patmos

Questions asked later: Am I doing enough penance? *"You are enduring what I have assigned to you, but you may want to do some penance for others."*

Question? What if I give up a pleasurable thing? *"Penance is suffering."*

Question? What about about monks who have beat themselves with the purpose of penance?

"I do not condone the intentional destruction of one's flesh."

For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, **there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins**, But a certain **fearful looking for of judgment** and **fiery indignation**, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much **sorer punishment**, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the **Blood** of the Covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, **The Lord shall judge his people**. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. [Hebrews 10:26-31](#) King James Version

For if we sin wilfully after having the knowledge of the truth, **there is now left no sacrifice for sins**, But a certain **dreadful expectation of judgment**, and the **rage of a fire** which shall consume the adversaries. A man making void the law of Moses, dieth without any mercy under two or three witnesses: How much more, do you think he deserveth **worse punishments**, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath esteemed the **Blood** of the Testament unclean, by which he was sanctified, and hath offered an affront to the Spirit of grace? For we know him that hath said: Vengeance belongeth to me, and I will repay. And again: **The Lord shall judge his people**. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. [Hebrews 10:26-31](#) Douay-Rheims Version

For if **after** they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they **are again entangled** therein, and overcome, the latter end is **worse** with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them **not to have known** the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

[2 Peter 2:20](#) King James Version
