



LAUNCHING YOUR FAITH
FAITH ALIVE IN THE 21ST CENTURY

LESSON 1
GENUINE REPENTANCE

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What's the BIG IDEA?

***What you believe
determines HOW you
live.***

Humanism's perspectives:

- 1. Man is inherently good**
- 2. Man is ever evolving to perfection**

IS IT TRUE?

From NPLA (National Pro-Life Alliance)

TOP ANNUAL DEATHS IN THE U.S.



NPLA

***There is only ONE
CREATOR***

**HOW DO WE GET BACK
TO HIS PLAN?**

I. START AT THE BEGINNING



1) GOD, WHO LOVES YOU
PASSIONATELY

***Sin broke their fellowship
with God.***

Original Sin.

The tendency to sin, the sin nature, is passed through all the following generations.

**2) WE ARE BORN WITH A
SIN NATURE**

**We sin *because*
we are sinners;
We're not sinners
because we commit sin.**

Romans 3:23

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 5:12 (NKJV)

¹² Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned--





THERE's A BIG COST TO PAY

Isaiah 59:2 (NKJV)

² But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden *His* face from you, So that He will not hear.

Romans 6:23a (NKJV)

For the wages of sin is *death*...

**2. *JESUS IS THE REMEDY.
HE PAID THE COST
FOR YOU.***

***JESUS IS THE ONLY
SAVIOR!***

Romans 6:23b (NKJV)

**The gift of God is eternal life in
Christ Jesus our Lord**

ACTS 4:12 (NKJV)

**¹² Nor is there salvation in any
other, for there is no other
name under heaven given
among men by which we must
be saved."**

JOHN 14:6 (NKJV)

6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. *No one comes to the Father except through Me.*

1 JOHN 1: 8-9 (NKJV)

8 *If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.* 9 *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

HEBREWS 4:16 (MSG)

**16 So let's walk right
up to Him and get
what He is
so ready to give.
TAKE THE MERCY,
ACCEPT THE HELP.**

II. DESIGNED FOR DESTINY,
CREATED FOR PURPOSE

SFSG
SAVED FOR
SOMETHING
GREAT!

Eccl 3:11 (KJV)

11 ... he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.

(NKJV, NIV, NLT, NASB):

He has put *ETERNITY* in their hearts!

V. 11 (MSG): *But He's left us in the dark...*

Isaiah 55:9 (NKJV)

9 For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

Philippians 2:13(NLT)

(NLT) :¹³ For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him



**CHECK
ENGINE**

AWD

**AT OIL
TEMP**



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SECURITY

THE BIBLE IS THE OWNER'S MANUAL



Psalm 119:105 NKJV

**105 Your word *is* a lamp to
my feet And a light
to my path.**

**MSG: 105 By your words I
can see where I'm going;
they throw a beam of light
on my dark path.**

Ephesians 5:25-26 KJV

**²⁵ ...Christ also loved the church,
and gave himself for it; ²⁶ That he
might sanctify and cleanse it with
the washing of water by the
word**

Ephesians 5:27 KJV

,²⁷ That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

III. COMPLETE OR **INCOMPLETE REPENTANCE**

Romans 6:23a (NKJV)

**For the wages of sin is
death...**

HAMARTIA

"to miss the mark; to be in error; to fall short."



HAMARTIA

SINS OF:

Omission—not doing what
God wants (OMIT)

Commission—doing what God
does NOT want (COMMIT)

**1 John 3:4 (NKJV) Whoever
commits sin commits
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INCOMPLETE REPENTANCE

1. METAMELOMAI (“oh my!”) Regret for consequences rather than the cause.

OUTWARD BEHAVIOR



INCOMPLETE REPENTANCE

We think NO ONE SEES, so we're fine. *But God sees*



COMPLETE or GENUINE
REPENTANCE
METANOIA

**A Fundamental change in
thinking that leads to a
fundamental change in
behavior and way of living.**

COMPLETE or GENUINE
REPENTANCE
METANOIA

**My thinking is transformed by
HIS GRACE!**

Meta: Change
Noein: To think
Nous: Mind

Jesus commands we repent
AND gives HIS grace to
repent and change.

Matthew 4:17 Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent.."

Acts 2:37-41 Then Peter said to them, "Repent... be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

Acts 3:19 NKJV

19 Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord

IV. 3 STEPS OF GENUINE REPENTANCE

1. INITIAL—*from what you were born--sin nature, ADAMIC nature, the “old man”*

Romans 5:12 Through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned.

2. SPECIFIC REPENTANCE

From specific past sins

Acts 19:18 And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds.

3. ONGOING or DAILY REPENTANCE.

*Daily, walk in humility and be
receptive to the Spirit*

**Rev 3:19: As many as I love, I rebuke
and chasten. Therefore, be zealous
and repent.**

Now FORSAKE the sin...

John 8:11: Jesus said, “Go and sin no more.”

WHY AM I TEMPTED?

We are tested to see if we'll run to Jesus.

**There are lots of pressures to sin.
Christians are swimming UPSTREAM
in a DOWNSTREAM world.**

TEMPTATION IS NOT SIN

1 Cor 10:13 : No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

James 4:7: Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

WHAT IF I SIN?

JESUS IS YOUR ADVOCATE

1 John 2:1 (NKJV)...**if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.**

1 John 1:9 **If you confess your sins, He is faithful and just to forgive you your sins and to cleanse you from all unrighteousness.**

IV. FAITH TOWARD GOD

**It's not how big is your faith
But *HOW BIG IS YOUR GOD?***

***Your sin is not bigger than
Jesus and HIS ABILITY
to forgive.***

John 8:10-11 (NKJV) "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?" ¹¹ She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.

LUKE 7: 47-48 (NKJV) ⁴⁷ Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little." ⁴⁸ Then He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

JOHN 20: 27-28 (NKJV)

**27 Then He said to Thomas...
Do not be unbelieving, but
believing." 28 And Thomas
answered and said to Him,
"My Lord and my God!"**

Romans 10:17 (NKJV)

17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.



**And that's why we've
set sail into
*LAUNCHING YOUR FAITH***