**The Importance of Repentance**

God has commanded you to *"choose life,"* not death (Deut. 30:19). A very important key to

choosing life is your repentance from sin. *" .. . God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to* ,, *Life"* (Acts 11:18). God does not want you, His precious child, trapped in the clutches of sin. He wants you healed and set free to enjoy the wonderful life He has created for you. Many are trapped by the subtle tentacles of sin. Despite a desire to be free from sin and disease, some don't want to be confronted or deal with their sin. Sin must be evicted from your life. Recognize it, repent of it, and kick it out.

Once you learn these principles, you will also reveal His truth to others who want to be free. You may be the person God wants to use to reach your neighbor down the street or your co-worker. Expect God to use you. Your words may be the only ones someone will listen to. Who will explain the freedom that comes with repentance of sins if you don't? Who will explain how to get free and healed if you don't? The apostle Paul asks the same question:

*How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!"*

(Romans 10:14-15)

Prayers for purity are very important. David asked God to cleanse him not only from known sins, but also from hidden faults:

*Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults. Keep back Your servant*

*also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless,*

*and I shall be innocent of great transgression* (Psalm 19:12-13).

David's attitude pleased God. He called David *"a man after My own heart"* (Acts 13:22).

Jesus is coming back for a Church without spot or wrinkle. It is time to cleanse the house of God. Since He lives within you, you are His house. Your responsibility is to keep yourself clean and pure. Even if you have a good relationship with God, pray:

***Prayer:***

***Father, I have sinned. I don't want to sin anymore and I repent. Take this sin of \_\_\_ from me and put it on the cross, never to be held against me. Father, I ask Jesus to come into my life, not just as my Savior, but also as my Lord. Through Your Holy Spirit, guide me into all that You have for me, in Jesus' name.***