Repentance Deepest Need of Our Lives Today

Conditions for Repentance

- 1. Spirit must teach us the Word of God
- 2. Holy Spirit convicts us
 - 3. Spirit enables us to be willing to repent
- 4. Spirit enables us to declare our repentance to God.

Honesty - Faith - Soul Searching - Surrender

Learn to:

Identify sin

Confess sin

Changed mind about sin

Understanding the Mercy of God

What makes Repentance Possible?

Redemption What Makes Repentance Possible

Galatians 4:1-7

Think of it this way. If a father dies and leaves an inheritance for his young children, those children are not much better off than slaves until they grow up, even though they actually own everything their father had.

- 2. They have to obey their guardians until they reach whatever age their father set.
- 3. And that's the way it was with us before Christ came.
 We were like children; we were slaves to the basic spiritual principles of this world.

- 4. But when the right time came, God sent His Son, born of a woman, subject to the law.
- 5. God sent Him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that He could adopt us as His very own children.

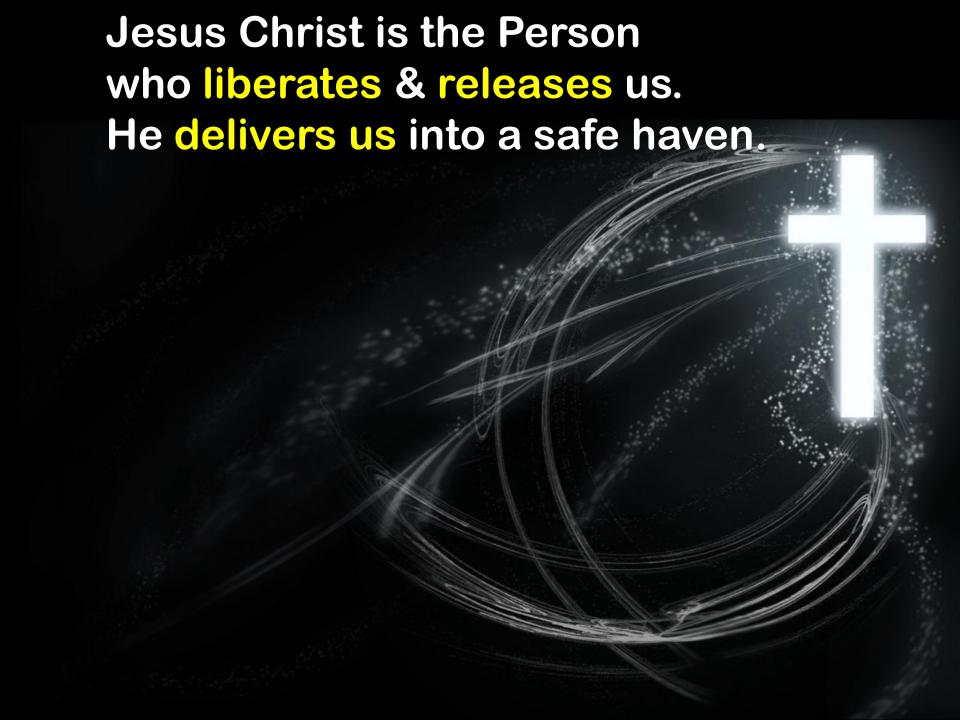
6. And because we are His children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, "Abba, Father."

7. Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child.
And since you are His child, God has made you His heir.

Redemption = Liberation

B-17 Flying Fortress

B-24 Liberator



Redemption as a Ransom

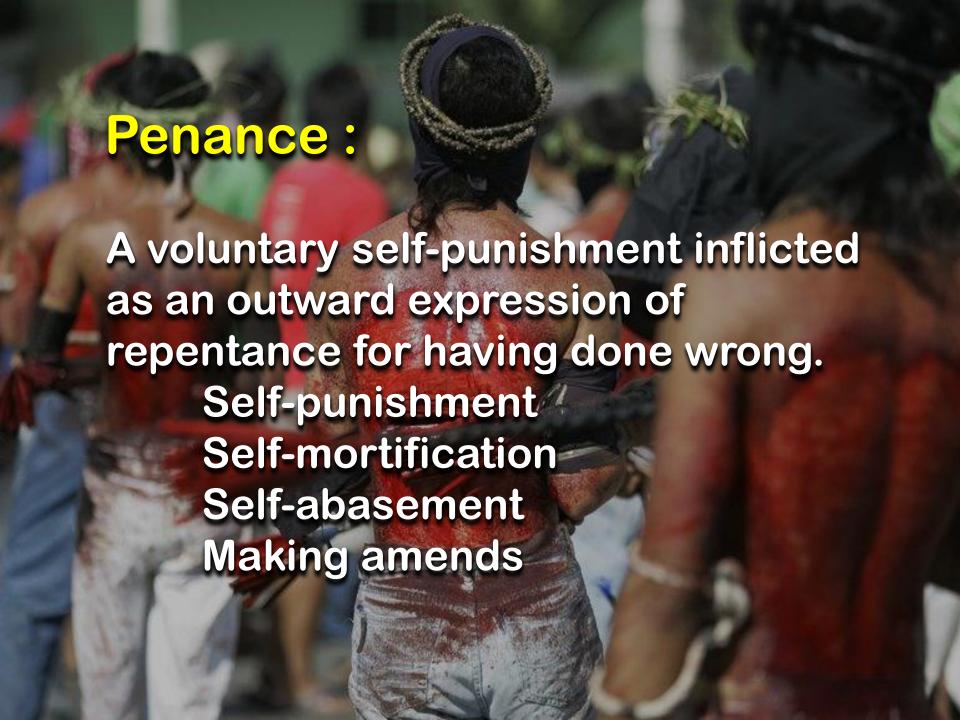
1 Corinthians 6:20

- Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself,
- for God bought you with a high price.
 So you must honor God with your body.

1 Peter 1:18-19

- For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors.

 And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value.
- 19 It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.
- God chose Him as your ransom long before the world began, but now in these last days
 He has been revealed for your sake.



Redemption is Sacrificial

Hebrews 10:10-12

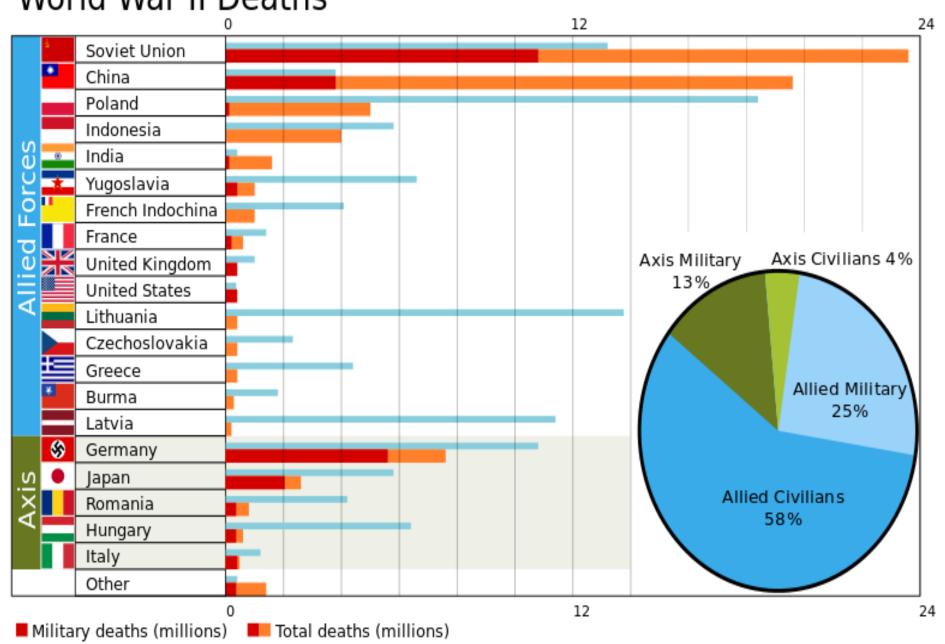
For God's will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time.

- Under the old covenant, the priest stands and ministers before the altar day after day, offering the same sacrifices again and again, which can never take away sins.
- But our <u>High Priest</u> offered Himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time.
 Then he sat down in the place of honor at God's right hand.



World War II Deaths

Civilian deaths (millions)



■ Total deaths as % of 1939 population

Galatians 3:13

But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When He was hung on the cross, He took upon Himself the curse for our wrongdoing. For it is written in the Scriptures, "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree"

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Redemption is Substitutionary

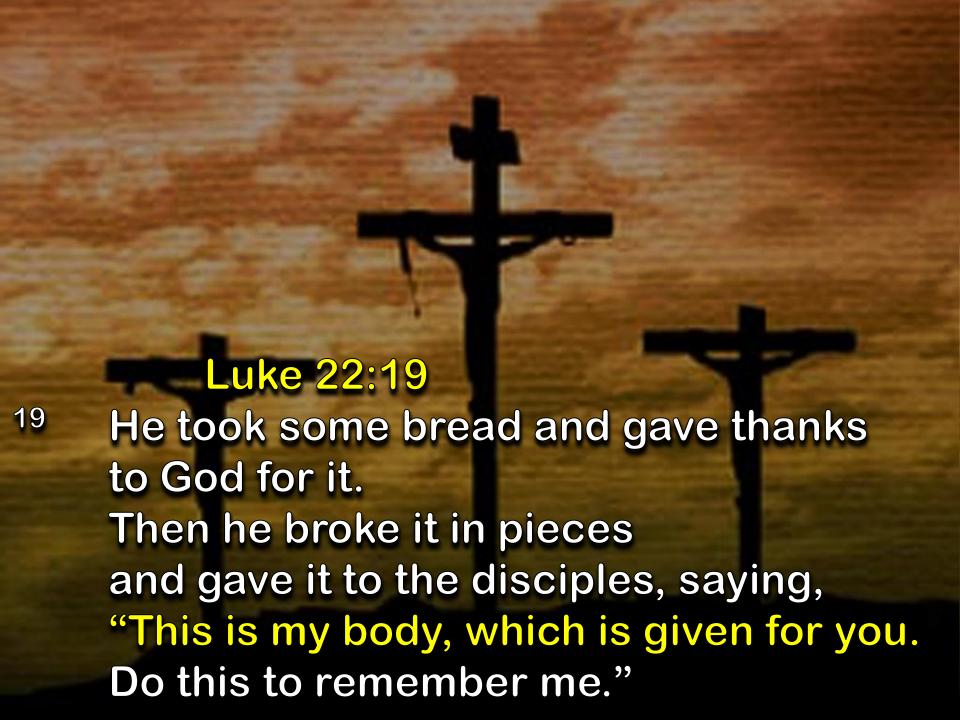
John 10:11

"I am the good shepherd.

The good shepherd sacrifices
His life for the sheep"

Mark 10:45

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."



Isaiah. 53:10-11

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But it was the Lord's good plan to crush Him & cause Him grief. Yet when His life is made an offering for sin, He will have many descendants. He will enjoy a long life, and the Lord's good plan will prosper in His hands.

When He sees all that is accomplished by His anguish, He will be satisfied.
And because of His experience,
My righteous servant will make it possible for many to be counted righteous, for He will bear all their sins.

Redemption as Propitiation

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said.

He <u>was buried</u>, and He <u>was raised</u> from the dead on <u>the third day</u>, just as the Scriptures said.

2 Corinthians 5:21
For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

Redemption as Cosmic

Romans. 8:22
"the whole creation has been groaning together with labor pains until now"

Redemption as Atonement

ATONEMENT = At-one-ment

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Romans 3:25 For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed His life, shedding His blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when He held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past

26 for He was looking ahead and including them in what He would do in this present time. God did this to demonstrate His righteousness, for He Himself is fair and just, and He declares sinners to be right in His sight when they believe in Jesus.

1 John 4:10

- God showed how much He loved us by sending His one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him.
- This is real love—not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.

