



"If my rifle claimed people's lives, then can it be that I... a Christian and an Orthodox believer, was to blame for their deaths?"

The longer I live, the more this question drills itself into my brain and the more I wonder why the Lord allowed man to have the devilish desires of envy, greed and aggression".

a slave of God, the designer Mikhail Kalashnikov" When weapons serve to protect the Fatherland, the Church supports both its creators and the soldiers who use it,...

He designed this rifle to defend his country, not so terrorists could use it in Saudi Arabia."

Isaiah 1:18-20

18 "Come now, let's settle this," says the LORD.

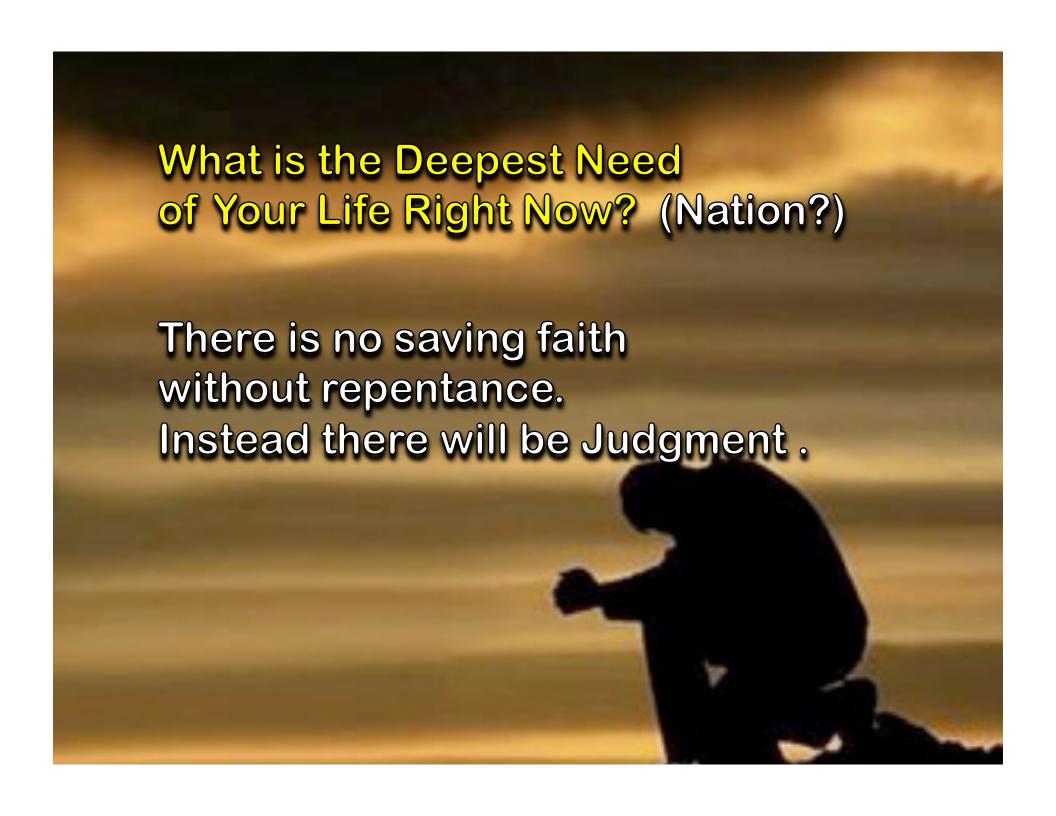
"Though your sins are like scarlet, I will make them as white as snow.

Though they are red like crimson, I will make them as white as wool.

19 If you will only obey me, you will have plenty to eat.

20 But if you turn away and refuse to listen, you will be devoured by the sword of your enemies.

I, the LORD, have spoken!"



Hebrews 10:26-31 NLT Christ or Judgment?

Dear friends, if we deliberately continue sinning after we have received knowledge of the truth, there is no longer any sacrifice that will cover these sins.

There is only the terrible expectation of God's judgment and the raging fire that will consume his enemies.

- For anyone who refused to obey the law of Moses was put to death without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.
- 29 Just think how much worse the punishment will be for those who have trampled on the Son of God, and have treated the blood of the covenant, which made us holy, as if it were common and unholy, and have insulted and disdained the Holy Spirit who brings God's mercy to us.

30 For we know the one who said, "I will take revenge. I will pay them back." He also said, "The Lord will judge His own people." It is a terrible thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

- 1. Honesty
- 2. Faith
- 3. Surrender

Step 4 "Soul Searching"
Making a searching and fearless
moral inventory of ourselves.

If we have sincerely completed the first three steps and have truly made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of God as we understood Him, then it is time to put that principle into action.

What is repentance?

Robert Oppenheimer

"I am become death, the destroyer of worlds."





Metanoia:

Simply the changing of one's mind.

Shub:

Turning, as in turning around.

"Transgression" (pesa) is an act of rebellion or disloyalty.

"Iniquity" (avon) is a crooked or perverse act,

"Sin" (hatach) is missing the mark.

5. What does repentance involve?

Luke 13:1-5 NLT A Call to Repentance

- About this time Jesus was informed that Pilate had murdered some people from Galilee as they were offering sacrifices at the Temple.
- "Do you think those Galileans were worse sinners than all the other people from Galilee?" Jesus asked. "Is that why they suffered?

Not at all! And you will perish, too, unless you repent of your sins and turn to God.

And what about the eighteen people who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them? Were they the worst sinners in Jerusalem?

No, and I tell you again that unless you repent, you will perish, too."

In order to repent one must first acknowledge that he is a sinner.

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This requires exposure to the Word of God, for anything that is contrary to the will of God is sin

Romans 7:7-12 NLT God's Law Reveals Our Sin

Well then, am I suggesting that the law of God is sinful? Of course not!

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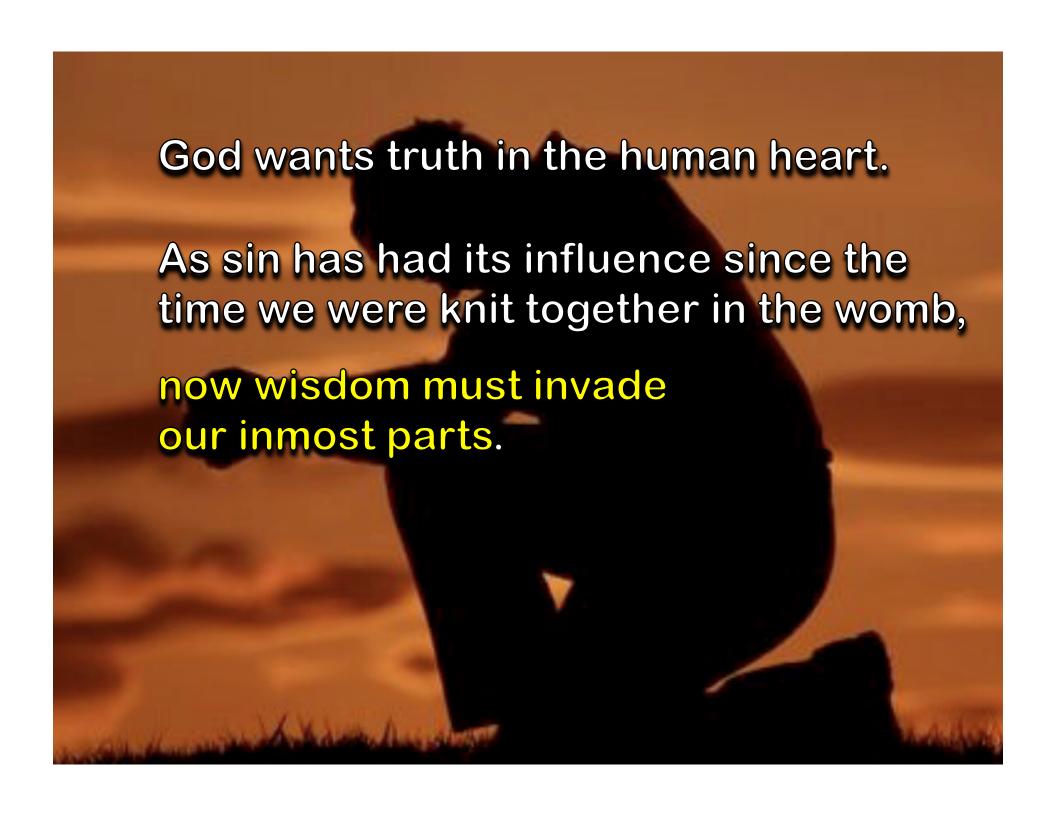
In fact, it was the law that showed me my sin. I would never have known that coveting is wrong if the law had not said, "You must not covet."

- But sin used this command to arouse all kinds of covetous desires within me! If there were no law, sin would not have that power.
- At one time I lived without understanding the law.
 But when I learned the command not to covet, for instance, the power of sin came to life,
- and I died. So I discovered that the law's commands, which were supposed to bring life, brought spiritual death instead.

- Sin took advantage of those commands and deceived me; it used the commands to kill me.
- But still, the law itself is holy, and its commands are holy and right and good.

Learn to: Identify your sin:

Confess your sin:
Changed your mind about sin:



4. Understand that repentance is a Work of God's Spirit

John 16:7-11 NLT

- But in fact, it is best for you that I go away, because if I don't, the Advocate won't come. If I do go away, then I will send Him to you.
- And when He comes, He will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment.



- 1. The Spirit must teach us the Word of God
- 2. the Spirit having shown us the Law of God, convicts us
- 3. The Spirit begins to make us willing to Change.

Ezekiel 36:25-27 NLT

- "Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean.
 Your filth will be washed away, and you will no longer worship idols.
- And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart.

