

## WHAT WILL HAPPEN AFTER REPENTANCE?

Greetings in the name of Lord Jesus. I am very pleased in meeting you. Kindly read carefully the letters I send to you. We pray for you and your family.

Many Christians tell that their family is a Christian family; and they are born Christians. Some say that they are Christians because their father and mother are Christians. Some say that they have taken baptism, changed their name and joined Christianity. By these things one cannot become a Christian. A "Christian" means one who has Christ in him. Those who have accepted Jesus Christ in their hearts as their personal saviour can become true Christians.

The son of a communist activist does not become a communist, unless he takes a personal decision to join the communist party and become an activist. Christian life is not the outcome of families or changing of religion. The Lord Jesus Christ did not talk anywhere about religion. Jesus preached, "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand" (Mark: 1:15). Christian life should be a life of repentance.

A man who is following the ways of the world and its things should forsake them, and turn his heart toward God. If one decides to travel from New York to Los Angeles, and boards the flight to Seattle, he cannot reach Los Angeles. Only when he gets down and boards the flight to Los Angeles, he can reach Los Angeles. Similarly, if a man says he is a Christian who is going to heaven, but walks in the ways of the world, he can never go to heaven. To go to heaven, he has to forsake the ways of the world and come to Christ. Forsaking one's evil ways and leading a life according to the commandments of Jesus Christ is the life of repentance.

### **What happens in the life of a person who repents?**

If you are a person who has repented, your heart will have the following characteristics:

1. You will hate sin.
2. You will have the desire to be holy and to live a pleasing life to God.
3. You will always have an unquenchable thirst for the word of God.
4. You will have a personal relationship with God. You will speak to God in prayer and you will be able to listen to God's voice in various ways.

5. You will have the peace of God.
6. You will be without the fear of death.
7. You will be aware that you are God's Child. You will be an example (witness) to others.
8. Your conscience will prick even if you say the smallest of lies.
9. You will have the desire to tell about the Lord Jesus to those who do not know about Him.
10. You will have a heart that praises God always. You will magnify the name of Lord Jesus and give thanks to Him.

If you have these experiences in you, Jesus is in your heart and life. You have been saved.

### **What happens in the life of a person who does not repent?**

If you are a person who has not repented, you will have the following characteristics:

1. There will be no relationship between God and you. You will feel as though God is somewhere and you may think that He is in pictures, images and idols and you may worship them.
2. You will not have the boldness and right as a child of God to ask God like a son asks a father. You may think that you will receive from God only if you ask through someone. You may have the habit of asking God through Arulappa, Peter or John or St.Mary.
3. There will be no difference between you and the other people of the world. You will live a life like them.
4. Your heart will not convict you that you are a sinner. Your conscience will not prick you when you do wrong. Everything you do will appear right to you.
5. You will not have the desire that others should know about Lord Jesus.

If you have the above characteristics, it is essential that you should repent. If God is in you, you will not worship an outward picture, image or idol. We cannot limit God who created the heaven, earth, ocean, sun, moon, stars and all the things of the world with man made articles. God created man. The things created by man's intelligence cannot become God. When before Moses, a great prophet of God could go up the mountain to receive the ten commandments from God and return, the people of Israel at the foot of the mountain had made a golden calf and worshipped it. "And the Lord said unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people have corrupted themselves. Moses came down and burnt the



golden calf with fire. (Exodus: 32: 7,20) The one who created the sun is brighter than the sun.

In Exodus 20: 3 to 6, God says "Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any things that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And showing mercy unto thousand generations of them that love me, and keep my commandments."

Hence God tells that you hate Him when you worship idols. What about idols and what happens to people who make them can be seen in Isaiah: 49:8-9 and Isaiah: 45:16. Moreover, it is written both in the Old testament and New testament about what happened to those who had forgotten God and worshipped idols. But when they kept His commandments great blessings came to them. If we do not live by the Bible and live by what others say, our life will be ruined. When I have a mirror in my hand and see my face, I can spot the defects in my face. Similarly, everything you like to know in your life is given by God in the Bible. If you live by it, you are blessed.

If you want the experience of asking of God with boldness, it is essential to become His child. The Lord has not said that you can become His child through Peter or John or the mother of Jesus. Neither is it said so in the Bible. Lord Jesus tells "If ye ask anything in my name, I will do it". (John 14:14). Neither has the mother of Jesus, Mary, or others said that people could ask through them or worship them. They are saints and are in the kingdom of heaven. No doubt. But they are not like the Lord Jesus, nor exalted as Him.

Some people have heard of Jesus as the one born 2000 years ago. But they do not know that "In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made" (John 1:1,3). He only created everything and everyone, including St. Mary and others. When we pick up a tumbler of water from a vessel and drink, our thirst will be quenched by the water from the tumbler, whereas the vessel by itself will not quench the thirst. Similarly, only Jesus Christ can save, deliver, heal, give peace. There is no salvation except through Jesus Christ. (Acts:4:12).

See what happened after the Lord went to heaven. As others and the disciples did, St. Mary also tarried in prayer with them.

The disciples did not worship her. They did not ask what they needed through her. (Acts 1:14) See In Rev.22:8,9 what John says. 'I fell at the feet of the angel that showed me these things, to worship him. The angel said, "Do not do this... I am also a servant. Worship the Lord." Even an angel of the Lord did not desire him to be worshipped. When Peter went to Cornelius\* house, Cornelius\* fell at the feet of Peter. But Peter lifted him up and told him that he too is a man. He did not bless him because he had worshipped him. He told that he was an ordinary person and glorified God. (Acts: 10:25,26)

Paul and Barnabas healed a lame person in Lystra. The priest in that city thought them to be God and came to sacrifice unto them. Then both rent their clothes and ran into the crowd saying that they were people with suffering like the other and that they should not be worshipped. They preached that they should worship God. (Acts: 14:11-15).

Likewise, everyone did not desire them to be worshipped and glorified the name of Lord Jesus. If you still think that the Lord Jesus is still a child or he is still on the cross, you are wrong, and need to surrender your life to the Lord and repent. When you do that, immeasurable joy will fill you. May the Lord Jesus bless you and your family.

I desire to keep in touch with you. Please reply to the questions in the post card sent along with this letter and send it back to me. If you need other clarifications, please do write. I will reply to you. I pray for you.

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