



The cross leads to repentance

Last week we showed that the cross of Christ is the answer for the evil in the world today. To continue that conversation, it is important to show the cross of Christ can change an evil heart to a repentant heart. Repentance simply means being sorry for sin; and being sorry for sin entails turning away from evil and turning to God. Repentance represents a reversal of the sin. It is an “undoing” of our rebellious nature and a sign of true faith.

God has made repentance very easy for us. Because of Christ’s sacrifice on the cross, God has set the bar very low when it comes to forgiving our sins. Indeed, He has already done all the “hard” work of redemption for us. All we have to do is confess our sins with sincerity and He is faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from our wrongs.

The heart of the Christian gospel is forgiveness. The problem is Satan understands the concept of forgiveness too. He isn’t stupid. He can read the Bible as well as we can. So, when he goes about the business of temptation, he’s aware that the person he’s trying to destroy may frustrate all his plans by repenting of sin.

Please note, a Christian is not someone who doesn’t ever sin, but rather, someone who repents every time he does. Ultimately, the definition of a successful life is one in which we repent one more time than we sin.

Which leads us back to the cross. If we look at the cross every day and do it sincerely and seriously, it’s bound to lead us to repentance. One drop of Christ’s blood is enough to wash away the sins of a billion universes. And once that sin has been forgiven, it’s gone forever along with all the other sins, offenses, obscenities, evils, and bad behavior of our past life. All of it gone and forgotten, dead and crucified.

That’s the meaning of the cross. The Bible makes the solemn promise that once God forgives us, He “casts all our sins into the depths of the sea” (Micah 7:19).

The cross is still the answer to all the evil in the world.