

# The False Doctrines of the NIV Bible

## All Scripture is KJV:

### INTRODUCTION: WHAT DOES THE BIBLE HAVE TO SAY?

Today I would like to start outlining a series of false teachings that the NIV bible has caused, and show you how that Satan has been tampering with the Word of God to very successfully turn away many Christian believers from receiving the truth.

The changes seem subtle but have a very profound effect on the truth of God's Word.

- ✚ God said that man "must live" by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.

### Matthew 4 King James Version (KJV)

1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

<sup>2</sup> And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.

<sup>3</sup> And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

<sup>4</sup> But he answered and said, It is written, **Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.**

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

<sup>6</sup> And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: **for it is written,** He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. (Psalm 91:11-12).

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

<sup>9</sup> And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. <sup>10</sup> Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. <sup>11</sup> Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

- ✚ Satan came to Jesus and started quoting scripture out of context. That's what the NIV is doing.

- ✚ Yet Satan has come and changed what God said, just like he did in the garden of Eden, and also when he tempted our Lord.

### Genesis 3 King James Version (KJV)

1. Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

<sup>2</sup> And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: <sup>3</sup> But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, **God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.** <sup>4</sup> **And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:** <sup>5</sup> **For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.**

<sup>6</sup> And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. <sup>7</sup> And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

- ✚ When Eve took of the fruit and gave it to Adam, she knew what she was doing. She knew what God had said would be the consequence but she did it anyway.
- ✚ She looked on at the tree and desired it to make her wise. Pride was the down fall.
- ✚ People think that the NIV is going to make them wise, but it will be their downfall.

### SO NOW WE ARE GOING TO EXAMINE SCRIPTURE TOGETHER.

We are going to be examining every verse by verse from what the NIV falsely says compared to the truth of God's Word from the KJV which is the very Word of God.

#### Starting in the OT.

Firstly let me say this from the outset. **"If you do not believe that the KJV Bible is the very and only true Word of God preserved**, which is over 400 years old already in its completion from the same text of the scriptures and bibles leading up to the KJV in our English language then you will not be persuaded even though the Lord himself had to speak to you.

I want to outline various doctrines, like Hell, Salvation, Repentance, the return of Jesus, and many others which the NIV has distorted. The first one we are going to visit is:

- **Repentance:** How many times does it appear in the KJV (105), and what does the word mean and who used it in the bible.
  - We will also see that the NIV completely removes the word "repentance from the OT where God says that He repented.
1. Ask your selves this question. Why was the word repentance in the NIV removed from the OT where God said that he repented?
  2. And why does the NIV keep the word "repent" in the NT.

3. Well the answer to that question is simply that the NIV translators removed it and substituted it with another word, simply because they wanted to make a “new doctrine based on the word repent or repentance”.
4. For that to be done they had to remove the word “repent” or “repentance from the OT where God repents more than man.
5. But at the same time and because they did that: The word “repentance” has become “synonymous” with most Christians to mean salvation? That you have to “repent” of your sins for salvation”.
6. Yet that is not what the word even means.

✚ Let’s examine that word Repentance now using the KJV Bible.

#### [Genesis 6:6](#)

And it **repented** the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.  
[NIV](#) The Lord **regretted** that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled.

#### [Genesis 6:7](#)

And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it **repenteth** me that I have made them.

#### [NIV](#)

So the Lord said, “I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I **regret** that I have made them.”

#### [Exodus 13:17](#)

And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not through the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, Lest peradventure the people **repent** when they see war, and they return to Egypt:

#### [NIV](#)

When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through the Philistine country, though that was shorter. For God said, “If they face war, they might **change their minds** and return to Egypt.”

#### [Exodus 32:12](#)

Wherefore should the Egyptians speak, and say, For mischief did he bring them out, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and **repent** of this evil against thy people.

#### [NIV](#)

Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce anger; **relent** and do not bring disaster on your people.

#### [Exodus 32:14](#)

And the Lord **repented** of the evil which he thought to do unto his people.

#### [NIV](#)

Then the Lord **relented** and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

### [Numbers 23:19](#)

God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should **repent**: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

### [NIV](#)

God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should **change his mind**. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?

### [Deuteronomy 32:36](#)

For the Lord shall judge his people, and **repent** himself for his servants, when he seeth that their power is gone, and there is none shut up, or left.

### [NIV](#)

The Lord will **vindicate** his people and relent concerning his servants when he sees their strength is gone and no one is left, slave or free.

### [Judges 2:18](#)

And when the Lord raised them up judges, then the Lord was with the judge, and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge: for it **repented** the Lord because of their groanings by reason of them that oppressed them and vexed them.

### [NIV](#)

Whenever the Lord raised up a judge for them, he was with the judge and saved them out of the hands of their enemies as long as the judge lived; for the Lord **relented** because of their groaning under those who oppressed and afflicted them.

### [Judges 21:6](#)

And the children of Israel **repented** them for Benjamin their brother, and said, There is one tribe cut off from Israel this day.

### [NIV](#)

Now the Israelites **grieved** for the tribe of Benjamin, their fellow Israelites. "Today one tribe is cut off from Israel," they said.

### [Judges 21:15](#)

And the people **repented** them for Benjamin, because that the Lord had made a breach in the tribes of Israel.

### [NIV](#)

The people **grieved** for Benjamin, because the Lord had made a gap in the tribes of Israel.

### [1 Samuel 15:11](#)

It **repenteth** me that I have set up Saul to be king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the Lord all night.

### [NIV](#)

"I **regret** that I have made Saul king, because he has turned away from me and has not carried out my instructions." Samuel was angry, and he cried out to the Lord all that night.

### [1 Samuel 15:29](#)

And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor **repent**: for he is not a man, that he should **repent**.

### [NIV](#)

He who is the Glory of Israel does not lie or **change his mind**; for he is not a human being, that he should **change his mind**."

### [1 Samuel 15:35](#)

And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death: nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul: and the Lord **repented** that he had made Saul king over Israel.

#### [NIV](#)

Until the day Samuel died, he did not go to see Saul again, though Samuel mourned for him. And the Lord **regretted** that he had made Saul king over Israel.

### [2 Samuel 24:16](#)

And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the Lord **repented** him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people, It is enough: stay now thine hand. And the angel of the Lord was by the threshingplace of Araunah the Jebusite.

#### [NIV](#)

When the angel stretched out his hand to destroy Jerusalem, the Lord **relented** concerning the disaster and said to the angel who was afflicting the people, “Enough! Withdraw your hand.” The angel of the Lord was then at the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.

### [1 Kings 8:47](#)

Yet if they shall bethink themselves in the land whither they were carried captives, **and repent**, and make supplication unto thee in the land of them that carried them captives, saying, We have sinned, and have done perversely, we have committed wickedness;

#### [NIV](#)

and if they have a change of heart in the land where they are held captive, **and repent** and plead with you in the land of their captors and say, ‘We have sinned, we have done wrong, we have acted wickedly’;

### [1 Chronicles 21:15](#)

And God sent an angel unto Jerusalem to destroy it: and as he was destroying, the Lord beheld, and he **repented** him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed, It is enough, stay now thine hand. And the angel of the Lord stood by the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.

#### [NIV](#)

And God sent an angel to destroy Jerusalem. But as the angel was doing so, the Lord saw it and **relented** concerning the disaster and said to the angel who was destroying the people, “Enough! Withdraw your hand.” The angel of the Lord was then standing at the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.

**We see here in Job, the word repent is conveniently maintained as repent because it is man that is repenting – this is to support their doctrine of repent to man doing it and not God.**

### [Job 42:6](#)

Wherefore I abhor myself, and **repent** in dust and ashes.

#### [NIV](#)

Therefore I despise myself and **repent** in dust and ashes.”

### [Psalm 90:13](#)

Return, O Lord, how long? and let it **repent** thee concerning thy servants.

#### [NIV](#)

**Relent**, Lord! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants.

[Psalm 106:45](#)

And he remembered for them his covenant, and **repented** according to the multitude of his mercies.

[NIV](#)

for their sake he remembered his covenant and out of his great love he **relented**.

[Psalm 110:4](#)

The Lord hath sworn, and will not **repent**, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

[NIV](#)

The Lord has sworn and will **not change his mind**: “You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.”

[Psalm 135:14](#)

For the Lord will judge his people, and he will **repent** himself concerning his servants.

[NIV](#)

For the Lord will vindicate his people and have **compassion** on his servants.

[Jeremiah 4:28](#)

For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black; because I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and will not **repent**, neither will I turn back from it.

[NIV](#)

Therefore the earth will mourn and the heavens above grow dark, because I have spoken and will not **relent**, I have decided and will not turn back.”

[Jeremiah 8:6](#)

I hearkened and heard, but they spake not aright: no man **repented** him of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? every one turned to his course, as the horse rusheth into the battle.

[NIV](#)

I have listened attentively, but they do not say what is right. None of them **repent** of their wickedness, saying, “What have I done?” Each pursues their own course like a horse charging into battle.

[Jeremiah 15:6](#)

Thou hast forsaken me, saith the Lord, thou art gone backward: therefore will I stretch out my hand against thee, and destroy thee; I am weary with **repenting**.

[NIV](#)

You have rejected me,” declares the Lord. “You keep on backsliding. So I will reach out and destroy you; I am tired of **holding back**.

[Jeremiah 18:8](#)

If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, **turn from their evil**, I will **repent** of the evil that I thought to do unto them.

[NIV](#)

and **if that nation I warned repents of its evil**, then **I will relent** and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned.

[Jeremiah 18:10](#)

If it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will **repent** of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them.

[NIV](#)

and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will **reconsider** the good I had intended to do for it.

[Jeremiah 20:16](#)

And let that man be as the cities which the Lord overthrew, and **repented not**; and let him hear the cry in the morning, and the shouting at noontide;

[NIV](#)

May that man be like the towns the Lord overthrew **without pity**. May he hear wailing in the morning, a battle cry at noon.

[Jeremiah 26:3](#)

If so be they will hearken, and turn every man from his evil way, that I may **repent** me of the evil, which I purpose to do unto them because of the evil of their doings.

[NIV](#)

Perhaps they will listen and each will turn from their evil ways. Then I will **relent** and not inflict on them the disaster I was planning because of the evil they have done.

[Jeremiah 26:13](#)

Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the Lord your God; and the Lord will **repent** him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you.

[NIV](#)

Now reform your ways and your actions and obey the Lord your God. Then the Lord will **relent** and not bring the disaster he has pronounced against you.

[Jeremiah 26:19](#)

Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him at all to death? did he not fear the Lord, and besought the Lord, and the Lord **repented** him of the evil which he had pronounced against them? Thus might we procure great evil against our souls.

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“Did Hezekiah king of Judah or anyone else in Judah put him to death? Did not Hezekiah fear the Lord and seek his favor? And did not the Lord **relent**, so that he did not bring the disaster he pronounced against them? We are about to bring a terrible disaster on ourselves!”

[Jeremiah 31:19](#)

Surely after that I was turned, I **repented**; and after that I was instructed, I smote upon my thigh: I was ashamed, yea, even confounded, because I did bear the reproach of my youth.

[NIV](#)

After I strayed, I **repented**; after I came to understand, I beat my breast. I was ashamed and humiliated because I bore the disgrace of my youth.’

[Jeremiah 42:10](#)

If ye will still abide in this land, then will I build you, and not pull you down, and I will plant you, and not pluck you up: for I **repent** me of the evil that I have done unto you.

[NIV](#)

‘If you stay in this land, I will build you up and not tear you down; I will plant you and not uproot you, for I have **relented** concerning the disaster I have inflicted on you.

[Ezekiel 14:6](#)

Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God; **Repent**, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations.

[NIV](#)

“Therefore say to the people of Israel, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: **Repent!** Turn from your idols and renounce all your detestable practices!’”

[Ezekiel 24:14](#)

I the Lord have spoken it: it shall come to pass, and I will do it; I will not go back, neither will I spare, neither will I **repent**; according to thy ways, and according to thy doings, shall they judge thee, saith the Lord God.

[NIV](#)

“I the Lord have spoken. The time has come for me to act. I will not hold back; I will not have pity, nor will I **relent**. You will be judged according to your conduct and your actions, declares the Sovereign Lord.”

[Hosea 11:8](#)

How shall I give thee up, Ephraim? how shall I deliver thee, Israel? how shall I make thee as Admah? how shall I set thee as Zeboim? mine heart is turned within me, my **repentings** are kindled together.

[NIV](#)

“How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, Israel? How can I treat you like Admah? How can I make you like Zeboyim? My heart is changed within me; all my **compassion** is aroused.

[Hosea 13:14](#)

I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: **repentance** shall be hid from mine eyes.

[NIV](#)

“I will deliver this people from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. Where, O death, are your plagues? Where, O grave, is your destruction? “I will have **no compassion**,

[Joel 2:13](#)

And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and **repenteth** him of the evil.

[NIV](#)

Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he **relents** from sending calamity.

[Joel 2:14](#)

Who knoweth if he will return and **repent**, and leave a blessing behind him; even a meat offering and a drink offering unto the Lord your God?

[NIV](#)

Who knows? He may turn and **relent** and leave behind a blessing— grain offerings and drink offerings for the Lord your God.

[Amos 7:3](#)

The Lord **repented** for this: It shall not be, saith the Lord.

[NIV](#)

So the Lord **relented**. “This will not happen,” the Lord said.



### [Amos 7:6](#)

The Lord **repented** for this: This also shall not be, saith the Lord God.

### [NIV](#)

So the Lord **relented**. “This will not happen either,” the Sovereign Lord said.

### [Jonah 3:9](#)

Who can tell if God will turn and **repent**, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?

### [NIV](#)

Who knows? God may yet **relent** and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.”

### [Jonah 3:10](#)

**And God saw their works**, that they **turned from their evil way**; and God **repented** of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not. (*turning is works my friend*)

### [NIV](#)

When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he **relented** and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

### [Jonah 4:2](#)

And he prayed unto the Lord, and said, I pray thee, O Lord, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and **repentest** thee of the evil.

### [NIV](#)

He prayed to the Lord, “Isn’t this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who **relents** from sending calamity.

### [Zechariah 8:14](#)

For thus saith the Lord of hosts; As I thought to punish you, when your fathers provoked me to wrath, saith the Lord of hosts, and I **repented** not:

### [NIV](#)

This is what the Lord Almighty says: “Just as I had determined to bring disaster on you and showed **no pity** when your ancestors angered me,” says the Lord Almighty,

- ✚ Because the word repentance has been changed by the NIV, they came up with a **NEW DOCTRINE OF REPENTANCE**.
- ✚ Their new doctrine is that the word repentance means “**repent of your sins**”
- ✚ NOW – If that were true - then God would be made a “sinner” because God in the KJV bible does a lot of “repenting”.
  
- ✚ Therefore in the NIV in the NT everywhere the word repent is used it is used in conjunction of “repenting of sin”.

### **Isaiah 59:20 King James Version (KJV)**

<sup>20</sup> And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that **turn from transgression** in Jacob, saith the LORD.

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“The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins,” declares the Lord.

- ✓ Very conveniently by the NIV the word repentance is not reserved for God in the NIV but it is reserved for when man repents.

✚ Even though in the KJV God is the one repenting more than anyone else?

1. The NIV has completely changed the meaning of the word Repentance to something that it is not. And by doing this they have changed doctrine.
2. Because if you go around saying that repentance is referring to “repenting of your sins”, then what you are actually saying is that “God must repent of His sins”, which we know is blasphemy, and this is what the Jews were saying about Jesus having a devil in Him.

### **Mark 3:22,29,30**

22. And the scribes which came down from Jerusalem said, He hath Beelzebub, and by the prince of the devils casteth he out devils. <sup>29</sup> But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation. <sup>30</sup> Because they said, He hath an unclean spirit.

- ❖ Repentance has nothing to do with sins. Sin is against God, and you must ask God to forgive you of all sin when you get saved.
- ❖ Sin cannot be turned from. You have to ask God to forgive you of that sin and then that sin will be gone and forgiven.
- ❖ You cannot simply, know that you have sinned, and turn from it as if it is a pile of dirt, and walk away from it and expect it to disappear. No...you have to ask God to forgive that sin you have done against him.
- ❖ Because the true meaning of the word repent is “to turn from whatever”. Just like God did in the KJV, unlike that of the NIV.

Close in prayer.....

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What I want to talk about this morning is the result of a person turning away from their sin.

**Acts 3:26**

**Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.**

Now the part of the verse that I want to focus on here in Acts 3:26, is the part where Jesus says that he has come to bless them first who have believed in Jesus, and secondly he has come to bless them in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

Now straight away I don't want you to get confused, in that this passage of scripture it is not talking about salvation by turning away from your sin, but rather a blessing in that now that you have been saved, the blessing comes as a result of you turning away from your iniquities that lie ahead of you in life.

You see the bible is very clear that salvation is by faith in Christ alone and grace alone and that it is not of works. We have been through salvation already, but I found it necessary to follow up with this sermon on the blessings of being saved, and the blessings of turning from your known sin now that you are saved.

- So salvation is not of works otherwise we would boast about how good we are. But salvation is not of works.
- You see it is better to live a life without iniquities, than trying to live a life with iniquities.

Ephesians 2:8-9 makes it quite clear salvation is by believing and not of works.

**Ephesians 2:8-9 King James Version (KJV)**

<sup>8</sup> **For by grace are ye saved through faith;** and that **not of yourselves:** it **is the gift of God:**

<sup>9</sup> **Not of works,** **lest any man should boast.**

1. So the blessing Jesus is talking about comes as a result of you being saved and then turning away from your iniquities in your life going forward. (sin).
2. That is why also the bible says that there are different sins, because not all sin is equal or judged equally by God. Remember when Jesus said to them that those of you who has committed the greater sin.
3. That's why it is not possible to completely turn from your sin because there are some sins that you cannot overcome because of the inherent sin of the flesh.
4. But there are sins or inequities that we can stop doing which if we do will help us tremendously in being able to lead a blessed life. For example if you quit drinking or quit smoking your body will live longer. Those being the obvious ones.

So just as the bible says in Acts 3:26 that.....God sent his son Jesus.

**....having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.**

- So according to God the Father, Jesus has been sent to us to bless us and help us as we turn away from sin.
- 1. Is it not wonderful to know that despite Jesus having saved us, he has still come through for us to help us turn away from those sins that caused us so many problems in the first place.
- 2. It is not wonderful that it is Jesus who continues to work in us to perfect his work in us despite us having being saved.
- 3. That's why the bible says that.....in Philippians 1:6 for example.....He which has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of our redemption.
- 4. So according to the bible God will continue to use his Son Jesus to perfect us until we die and are raised up again in our redemption.

**Philippians 1:6King James Version (KJV)**

<sup>6</sup> Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

**Philippians 2:13King James Version (KJV)**

<sup>13</sup> For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

**Hebrews 13:21King James Version (KJV)**

<sup>21</sup> Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever.  
Amen.

1. From these few scriptures alone, we can see that Jesus did not just save us from eternal hellfire, but that he also works in us to continue a good work so that we can reap the blessings of this life as well.

Think about it. If this body of ours which is still the old body, even despite that our soul has been redeemed. This body of ours just wants to naturally do that which is evil. Paul had this fight in himself saying that there was a law in his members wanting to always do that which is evil.

[Romans 7:21](#)

I find then a law, that, when I would do good, **evil is present with me.**

So if it was not for Jesus, who sent the Holy Spirit to help us fight the battle of the flesh we would continue to live a life full of sin and wickedness.

But thanks be to God, through Jesus Christ who has saved us from our sin, and in our sin.

2. Therefore, to do evil is ever present with us.
3. This is why Jesus has continued to work in us, so that we can fight this battle in our warring members. So that we can triumph over that which is evil.
4. If it was not for Jesus we would be stuck in our sin. With nowhere to turn to get help.

Therefore if you look at Ephesians 2 verse 8 and 9 we see that we are saved by faith alone, and that not of works.

- But after that we are saved, we see that Ephesians 2:10 follows this up with the verse saying.....

### **Ephesians 2:10 King James Version (KJV)**

<sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

1. We are created in Jesus, in his image. We are created as a new creature to do good works.
  2. That means Jesus has created us to do that which is right. That which is good. That we should walk in them.
  3. That means Jesus is our maker. We are his workmanship. So he has made us, and looks after us to walk as God has ordained us to walk.
- ✓ So he is going to teach us how to live our lives in a more excellent way. So that we can benefit by being his new creation.
  - ✓ It's not that Jesus just leaves us to ourselves.
  - ✓ No for whom God loves, he chaseth, and scourgeth. Or else we would not be his son.

### **Hebrews 12:6**

For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

### **Hebrews 12:7**

If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

4. So it's not just that God is going to save, you and leave you to your own devices. No, he is going to follow through, to show you what is good and acceptable unto the Lord, and he is going to show you what is evil so that you can stay away from those things.
- ✚ That why: If you had to turn away from your sin to be saved, you would never be saved.

1. Works have a place, after you get saved. But they don't get you saved. And they don't keep you saved.
2. Because once you are saved by believing in Jesus, you are always saved. Nothing can separate you from the love of God.
3. You are sealed until the day of redemption by the Holy Ghost.
4. You have eternal life.
5. No one can pluck you out of his hand.

So..... when you look in Jonah 3:10. It says when God saw their works that they turned from their evil way. What was it all about.

### **Jonah3:9-10**

<sup>9</sup>Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?

<sup>10</sup> And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not.

1. Here was a nation in a city, the city of Nineveh, who had rebelled against God, and it was Jonah's task to minister and preach to them, and based on the outcome of Jonah's preaching God would make a decision as to whether to save them or utterly destroy them.
  2. And in verse 9 we see God's anger towards Nineveh.
  3. But in verse 10 we see a change in the people's hearts, as they turned from their evil ways. God saw their works that they had turned from every evil way.
- ✓ So here we can see that God classifies turning from you evil ways.....as works.
  - ✓ He calls the fact that they turned form their evil ways "works".

**So if you had to turn from your evil ways, and God classifies that as works, then how could you get saved if God calls that turning from your evil ways "works"?**

- ✓ When we know that from previous verses in Ephesians 2:8-9, that is takes faith in Jesus. By believing in Jesus to get saved and not works.
  - ✓ So notice in this passage that it is God who repents. **Which further proves that repentance is not salvation**, but simply a word reflecting a change of mind or decision or attitude towards an outcome.
  - ✓ In fact in the bible God repents more than man in any of the verses used about repentance in the bible. (105 times the word is used).
1. So where the confusion comes in is when people take the word repent and automatically add on the words .....of your sins.
  2. Whereas.....we are to repent.....and it is something that we should do on a daily basis.....but it is not to get saved.
  3. But repenting of our sin is something that we should do in the sight of God.....because God wants us to "turn away from our sins".
  4. But repenting of our sin does not get us saved.

✚ Repenting of our sin is part of what we should be doing after we get saved.....just like doing works is part of what we should be doing after we get saved.

✚ But when repentance is mixed up with salvation, then that is a false doctrine. Because then we are tampering with the word of God, and making works necessary for salvation.

1. Turning from your evil way is work. It takes work to turn away from doing evil and to do that which is good, and to lead a Godly life.
2. Or does it automatically come naturally to you. Do you just get saved and automatically just do that which is good and holy and righteous.
3. No , it takes work to do that. It takes work to get right with God, it takes work to get holy before God. It takes work to read the bible and to know what God expects of you and me.
4. It does not come naturally to us.
5. We have to daily die to self. And daily to take up the cross. So it is hard work.

CLOSE IN PRAYER.....