

Know for Sure Lesson 3 Handout

Matthew 9:9–13 (AMP)

⁹ As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's office; and He said to him, Be My disciple [side with My party and follow Me]. And he rose and followed Him.

¹⁰ And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and [especially wicked] sinners came and sat (reclined) with Him and His disciples. ¹¹ And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, Why does your Master eat with tax collectors and those [preeminently] sinful? ¹² But when Jesus heard it, He replied, Those who are strong *and* well (healthy) have no need of a physician, but those who are weak *and* sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means: I desire mercy [that is, readiness to help those in trouble] and not sacrifice *and* sacrificial victims. For I came not to call *and* invite [to repentance] the righteous (those who are upright and in right standing with God), but sinners (the erring ones and all those not free from sin).

Matthew 3:1–8 (AMP)

¹ IN THOSE days there appeared John the Baptist, preaching in the Wilderness (Desert) of Judea ² And saying, Repent (think differently; change your mind, regretting your sins and changing your conduct), for the kingdom of heaven is at hand ⁸ Bring forth fruit that is consistent with repentance [let your lives prove your change of heart];

Matthew 4:17 (AMP)

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach, crying out, Repent (change your mind for the better, heartily amend your ways, with abhorrence of your past sins), for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

J.D. Greear - Repentance is acknowledging that Jesus is Lord of everything as a matter of who He is. Whatever your disagreement with Jesus, He is right and you are wrong – be that your position on abortion, sex before marriage, homosexuality, generosity or anything.



Repentance is not merely changing your actions; it is changing your actions because you have changed your attitude about Jesus' authority and glory.

Repentance is not the absence of struggle – it is the absence of settled defiance.



Romans 7:14–25 (NASB95)

¹⁴ For we know that the Law is spiritual, but I am of flesh, sold into bondage to sin. ¹⁵ For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I *would* like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate.

¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good *is* not. ¹⁹ For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want. ²⁰ But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me. ²¹ I find then the principle that evil is present in me, the one who wants to do good. ²² For I joyfully concur with the law of God in the inner man, ²³ but I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, on the one hand I myself with my mind am serving the law of God, but on the other, with my flesh the law of sin.

Hebrews 12:5 And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

**“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
nor be weary when reproved by him.**

**⁶ For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and chastises every son whom he receives.”**

⁷ It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸ If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹ Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰ For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹ For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

The job of a football coach is to make men do what they don't want to do, in order to achieve what they've always wanted to be. Tom Landry

1 John 3:9 (NASB95)

⁹ No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

1 John 3:6-9(AMP)

⁶ No one who abides in Him [who lives and remains in communion with and in obedience to Him—deliberately, knowingly, and habitually] commits (practices) sin. No one who [habitually] sins has either seen *or* known Him

[recognized, perceived, or understood Him, or has had an experiential acquaintance with Him].

⁹ No one born (begotten) of God [deliberately, knowingly, and habitually] practices sin, for God's nature abides in him [His principle of life, the divine sperm, remains permanently within him]; and he cannot practice sinning because he is born (begotten) of God.



2 Corinthians 5:17 (AMP)

¹⁷ Therefore if any person is [ingrafted] in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold, the fresh *and* new has come!





Ezekiel 36:26–27 (NLT)

²⁶ 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. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my regulations.

John 6:51–59 (NASB95)

⁵¹ “I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh.” ⁵² Then the Jews *began* to argue with one another, saying, “How can this man give us *His* flesh to eat?” ⁵³ So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves. ⁵⁴ “He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵ “For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink. ⁵⁶ “He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ “As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats Me, he also will live because of Me. ⁵⁸ “This is the bread which came down out of heaven; not as the fathers ate and died; he who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹ These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum.

John 6:60–66 (NASB95)

⁶⁰ Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard *this* said, “This is a difficult statement; who can listen to it?” ⁶¹ But Jesus, conscious that His disciples grumbled at this, said to them, “Does this cause you to stumble? ⁶⁶ As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew and were not walking with Him anymore.

John 6:66

⁶⁶ After this, many of His disciples drew back (returned to their old associations) and no longer accompanied Him.

John 6:67–68 (ESV)

⁶⁷ So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?”

⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life,

Hebrews 3:14 (ESV)

¹⁴ For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.

Matthew 10:21–22 (ESV)

²¹ Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²² and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

Phil 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain

1 John 2:19 (AMP)

¹⁹ They went out from our number, but they did not [really] belong to us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us. But [they withdrew] that it might be plain that they all are not of us.

Matthew 7:13–14 (NASB95)

¹³ “Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. ¹⁴ “For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Matthew 7:21–23 (NASB95)

²¹ “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven *will enter*. ²² “Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ ²³ “And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.’

Hebrews 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith;

Philippians 1:6 And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.
