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Repentance is the forgotten doctrine of the church. Without it, men will die in their sin and face the Lord God who is a consuming fire (Deut 4:24). Repent does not mean to go weeping down the aisle in the church. It does not mean to attend church regularly. The best church members and pastors will die and perish in their sin if they do not repent. Repentance is not a one night experience ten or fifteen years ago. It is the continual work of God in his people. Jeremiah said that only God can truly cause a man to turn (repent). Man tends to turn back to self and sin. Repentance is a continual turning away from self and what "I" want to Gods will and what he has instructed for our lives. God will visit our transgression with the rod of correction causing continual repentance. Repentance will bring understanding of truth. It will cause men to blush for the things they once did without conscience. Repentance causes a man to be ashamed, detesting his past. Man cannot get to heaven by just living a moral life. He must repent! It is appointed unto men once to die but after this the judgment (Heb. 9:27).

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