

# THE APPEARANCE



*Ephesians 2:20-22*

*Ephesians 4:11-16*

**APOSTLES AND  
PROPHETS  
PREPARING THE  
EMERGING  
ARMY  
RELEASING THE  
ABILITIES AND  
NATURAL  
CALLINGS OF  
EVERYONE**



## POWER OF REPENTANCE #1



***Revelation 3:18-19: "I counsel you to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that you may be rich; and white clothing, that you may be clothed, and that the shame of your nakedness does not appear; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent."***

We are living in a day where the word repentance has become synonymous with legalism and religion. It is not often that you hear a message on this subject, because it is not considered politically correct to preach or teach on it, or even mention it in a church. ***It is interesting how little teaching is given on the subject of repentance in the churches today, when you consider the strong emphasis that the New Testament places on it.***

Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom when He was on the Earth. He also commanded His disciples to preach the gospel of the kingdom everywhere. The main purpose of the gospel of the kingdom that was preached in the New Testament was to bring men to repentance. ***In the New Testament, the words repentance and repent are mentioned 47 times, while the word kingdom is mentioned one hundred and fifty times.***

It is politically incorrect today to make people aware of their sins and call them to repentance. Some very well known teachers have even dared to say that we do not need to repent in the church today, as the gospel they preach is one of super grace and prosperity. Now, ***I believe in the grace of God and prosperity as much as anyone out there. I studied grace in depth for many years as I came out of a legalistic church.*** Those of us who have come out of a legalistic system probably understand grace better than most.

It took me many years of spending time at the feet of my Father and His Word to be able to understand this very complex subject. This is a topic that could lead multitudes of people into bondage;

whether it is legalism, super grace or something else. Allow me to explain. On this earth, there is a balance that is evident throughout all of God's creation. ***Many times I just marvel at the wisdom of the Creator. There is a divine purpose for everything that Father has spoken or created. There is a reason for everything He said.***

In my thirty one years of ministry, there is one thing that I have noticed. There is a tendency in the heart of man to go to one extreme or another. When this is done in a normal life, it leads to problems in the family, work, health and many other areas. However, whenever it is done in the area of Biblical doctrine, it may lead to heresy, condemnation and even death. ***People believe that heresy is some doctrine that is not in God's Word. However, I have found that the most dangerous heresies are those based on a biblical truth.***

Any Biblical truth that is given more or less emphasis than what the Word of God gives it, is in danger of becoming a heresy. I have seen it done by well intentioned people over and over again. ***If the Word of God places emphasis on a particular doctrine or word, then so should we.*** On the other hand, if the Word of God does not seem to place much emphasis on something we should do the same. ***The word grace is mentioned 39 times in the Old Testament, and 124 times in the New Testament.***

So we see that there is definitely an emphasis on Grace in the Word of God. That cannot be discounted. However, as I mentioned before, there is a strong emphasis on repentance in the Bible as well, both the Old and New Testament. ***The words repentance and repent are only mentioned 22 times in the Old Testament; however it is mentioned 47 times in the New.*** So much for the theory that repentance is an Old Testament practice, as it is mentioned twice as many times in the New Testament as in the Old.)

We will continue to teach on this subject in the coming weeks, as the time of reckoning draws near. Stay thirsty for Abba my friends.