

## Repent and Do the First Works

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**Rev 2:1 (NKJV)** "To the angel of the church of Ephesus write, 'These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands:

**Rev 2:2 (NKJV)** "I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars;

**Rev 2:3 (NKJV)** and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary.

**Rev 2:4 (NKJV)** Nevertheless I have *this* against you, **that you have left your first love.**

**Rev 2:5 (NKJV)** Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, **or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.**

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Original: **πρῶτος**

- Transliteration: **Protos**

- Phonetic: **pro'-tos**

- Definition:

- 1.** first in time or place
  - a.** in any succession of things or persons
- 2.** first in rank
  - a.** influence, honour
  - b.** chief
  - c.** principal
- 3.** first, at the first

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What does God desire above all?

**Psa 51:16 (NKJV)** For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give *it*; You do not delight in burnt offering.

**Psa 51:17 (NKJV)** The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit, **A broken and a contrite heart—These, O God, You will not despise.**

**1Ti 5:11 (NKJV)** But refuse *the* younger widows; for when they have begun to grow wanton against Christ, they desire to marry,

**1Ti 5:12 (NKJV)** having condemnation because they have **cast off their first faith.**

**1Ti 5:13 (NKJV)** And besides they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house, and not only idle but also gossips and busybodies, saying things which they ought not.

**1Ti 5:14 (NKJV)** Therefore I desire that *the* younger widows marry, bear children, manage the house, give no opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

## **What is marriage?**

**Eph 5:25 (NKJV)** Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

**Eph 5:26 (NKJV)** that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

**Eph 5:27 (NKJV)** that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

**Eph 5:28 (NKJV)** So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.

**Eph 5:29 (NKJV)** For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord *does* the church.

**Eph 5:30 (NKJV)** For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.

**Eph 5:31 (NKJV)** "FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH."

**Eph 5:32 (NKJV)** This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

**Eph 5:33 (NKJV)** Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects *her* husband.

## **Pauls' instruction to Timothy:**

**1Ti 4:13 (NKJV)** Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.

**1Ti 4:14 (NKJV)** **Do not neglect the gift that is in you,** which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.

**1Ti 4:15 (NKJV)** Meditate on these things; **give yourself entirely to them**, that your progress may be evident to all.

**1Ti 4:16 (NKJV)** Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

This is how we respond when we first find our bride, the treasure of the truth in Christ.

**Mat 13:44 (NKJV)** "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; **and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.**

**Heb 6:1 (NKJV)** Therefore, leaving the discussion of the **elementary principles** of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again **the foundation of repentance from dead works** and of faith toward God,

**Heb 6:2 (NKJV)** of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

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### Definition:

1. beginning, origin
2. the person or thing that commences, the first person or thing in a series, the leader
3. that by which anything begins to be, the origin, the active cause
4. the extremity of a thing
  - a. of the corners of a sail
5. the first place, principality, rule, magistracy

**Heb 6:3 (NKJV)** And this we will do if God permits.

**Heb 6:4 (NKJV)** For *it is* impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit,

**Heb 6:5 (NKJV)** and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come,

**Heb 6:6 (NKJV)** **if they fall away**, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put *Him* to an open shame.

Heb 6:7 (NKJV) For the earth which drinks in the rain that often comes upon it, and bears herbs useful for those by whom it is cultivated, receives blessing from God;

Heb 6:8 (NKJV) but if it bears thorns and briers, *it is* rejected and near to being cursed, whose end *is* to be burned.

Heb 6:9 (NKJV) But, beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you, yes, things that accompany salvation, though we speak in this manner.

Heb 6:10 (NKJV) **For God *is* not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, *in that* you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.**

Heb 6:11 (NKJV) And we desire that each one of you **show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end,**

Heb 6:12 (NKJV) **that you do not become sluggish,** but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

Luk 7:47 (NKJV) Therefore I say to you, her sins, *which are* many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, *the same* loves little."

Rev 2:5 (NKJV) **Remember therefore from where you have fallen**; repent and do the first works, **or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent.**

## **Repentance precedes the Kingdom of God coming in our hearts and minds**

Mat 3:1 (NKJV) In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea,

Mat 3:2 (NKJV) and saying, "**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!**"

Mat 18:1 (NKJV) At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

Mat 18:2 (NKJV) Then Jesus called a little child to Him, set him in the midst of them,

Mat 18:3 (NKJV) and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, **unless you are converted and become as little children**, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

Mat 18:4 (NKJV) Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

**Mat 18:5 (NKJV)** Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me.

**1Co 8:1 (NKJV)** Now concerning things offered to idols: **We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies.**

Leaving our first love is to be puffed up by knowledge and not acting in love. We forget how much we have been forgiven and from where we have fallen.

**1Co 8:2 (NKJV)** **And if anyone thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing yet as he ought to know.**

**1Co 8:3 (NKJV)** But if anyone loves God, this one is known by Him.

**1Co 8:4 (NKJV)** Therefore concerning the eating of things offered to idols, we know that an idol *is* nothing in the world, and that *there is* no other God but one.

**1Co 8:5 (NKJV)** For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as there are many gods and many lords),

**1Co 8:6 (NKJV)** yet for us *there is* one God, the Father, of whom *are* all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom *are* all things, and through whom we *live*.

**1Co 8:7 (NKJV)** **However, *there is not in everyone that knowledge***; for some, with consciousness of the idol, until now eat *it* as a thing offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled.

**1Co 8:8 (NKJV)** But food does not commend us to God; for neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse.

**1Co 8:9 (NKJV)** **But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak.**

**1Co 8:10 (NKJV)** For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols?

**1Co 8:11 (NKJV)** And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died?

**1Co 8:12 (NKJV)** But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ.

**Rom 14:1 (NKJV)** Receive one who is weak in the faith, *but* not to disputes over doubtful things. (Argue about mature discernment of the word)

**Rom 14:2 (NKJV)** For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats *only* vegetables.

**Rom 14:3 (NKJV)** Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him.

**Rom 14:4 (NKJV)** Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

**Mat 7:1 (ESV)** "Judge not, that you be not judged.

**Mat 7:2 (ESV)** For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you.

**Mat 7:3 (ESV)** Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?

**Mat 7:4 (ESV)** Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye?

**Mat 7:5 (ESV)** You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

**Jas 2:13 (NKJV)** For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

### **Entering into rest:**

**Heb 4:8 (NKJV)** For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day.

**Heb 4:9 (NKJV)** There remains therefore a rest for the people of God.

**Heb 4:10 (NKJV)** For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God *did* from His.

**Heb 4:11 (NKJV)** Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.

**Mat 11:28 (NKJV)** Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

**Mat 11:29 (NKJV)** Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

**Mat 11:30 (NKJV)** For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light."

**Heb 11:6 (NKJV)** But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

**1Jn 5:2 (NKJV)** By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments.

**1Jn 5:3 (NKJV)** For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. **And His commandments are not burdensome.**

**1Jn 5:4 (NKJV)** For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

**1Jn 5:5 (NKJV)** Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

### The first works:

**Heb 5:12 (NKJV)** For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need *someone* to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

**Heb 5:13 (NKJV)** For everyone who partakes *only* of milk *is* unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe.

**Heb 5:14 (NKJV)** But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, *that is*, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.