



**The Wheel of Faith
Bible Study Guides
Lesson #5
“Come Unto Me”**

1. Read for this lesson 2 Corinthians 7:10

- a.** Paraphrase this text in your own words, and describe what it is actually saying?

In short, the text is simply saying that we need to have a real repentance that is actually genuine from the heart

- b.** For discussion: what is a disingenuous repentance?

- *“Multitudes sorrow that they have sinned and even make an outward reformation because they fear that their wrongdoing will bring suffering upon themselves. But this is not repentance in the Bible sense. They lament the suffering rather than the sin. Such was the grief of Esau” SC pg 25*

- Can you name some people in the Bible that had this kind of fake sorrow?
- The life of King Saul or Judas are excellent case studies on what fake repentance looks like. They may be sorry because they have been caught, or there may be a shame when you know the sermon applies to you, but this is not true sorrow for sin.

c. What does the Bible say about worldly sorrow?

- **2 Corinthians 7:9-11 (KJV)** *“Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were **made** sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the _____ worketh _____.*
- Discuss: Why do you think that worldly sorrow works death?

Sin always leads to death. Sin destroys marriages, destroys families, relationships, and it always leads to misery and suffering. Worldly sorrow leads to death because it allows you to feel bad, but it does not encourage you to seek after Christ; who can not only forgive our sin, but cleanse us, so that we stop the behavior that is wreaking havoc in our lives.

Thought question: when was the last time you knew exactly what your sin was to repent of? Or has your repentance been ambiguous?

2. Many people suffer from this conundrum. They must have a real heart sorrow for sin, and a true repentance before they can be accepted by God, and find healing for their personal lives, but many people do not know how to feel sorrow for something they do not feel sorrow for. It is a fundamental question that must be solved. True repentance must be experienced, but many don't know how that happens, therefore, they have a fake repentance. What is the answer?
 - a. *“Just here is a point on which many may err, and hence they fail of receiving the help that Christ desires to give them. They think that they cannot come to Christ unless they first _____, and that repentance prepares for the*

forgiveness of their sins. It is true that _____ does precede the forgiveness of sins; for it is only the _____ and _____ heart that will feel the need of a Saviour. But must the sinner wait till he has repented before he can come to Jesus? Is repentance to be made an obstacle between the sinner and the Saviour? SC 26.1

*The Bible does not teach that the sinner must repent before he can heed the invitation of Christ, " _____, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28. It is the **virtue** that goes forth **from Christ**, that leads to genuine repentance"*

- This is exciting news! We can't make ourselves experience a true repentance; only God can do that in us. But if we want Him to give us a real repentance rather than the fake stuff we have been experiencing, then we must first come to Him. Then the virtue, or power, will come from Christ into us that will lead us into a real repentance.
3. So, our next stop on the Wheel of Faith after we have experienced the truth of The Sinners Need is to "Come to Christ". Let us look at the best chapter in scripture that teaches us how to come to Christ, and why we should without delay.
- a. Read **Matthew 11:4-12** Who is Jesus talking about? _____
 - b. Read **Matthew 11:13** Who is Jesus talking about? _____
 - c. Read **Matthew 11:16-19** Who is Jesus talking about? _____
- Discuss: what is Jesus trying to say about John, Prophets and himself?
 - Read **Ezekiel 33:32** and compare **Matthew 11:16-19**.
What is Jesus' reason for quoting Ezekiel?

What was the issue in Ezekiel?
 - It should be clear that what Jesus is trying to say is, that all the prophets that have ever been, including the very best of them - John the Baptist, and even

the Son of man, Jesus, has come to call mankind to ‘Come unto Me’.

- d. Despite the work of Jesus and John to call people to Christ, how were they received, and what will be the result for not answering the call?

Read **Matthew 11:20-24** (KJV)

“Then began He to upbraid the cities wherein most of His _____ works were done, because they _____ not: Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the _____ works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have _____ long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of _____, than for you. And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of _____, than for thee.”

- Is there a danger in ignoring the call to come to Christ?
 - Are you in danger of not having real repentance in your life?
- e. What does Jesus say is the remedy for a true repentance?

Matthew 11:28 (KJV): “_____ unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”

The entire chapter of **Matthew 11** is based upon the fact that there has been given a steady call from the fall of Adam down through the ages for man to Come to God and repent of their sins. Jesus is crying out to mankind to first come unto Him, which makes real repentance possible.

4. If we answer the call to come to Jesus, what does He promise to give us?
Read **Matthew 11:28** again. “He will give us _____”

- **Discuss:** In light of the chapter, what has He given us rest from?
- The chapter is about a world of humans that can't seem to ever truly repent even though God has sent great prophets, and even Jesus himself. Therefore, in light of this chapter, the rest that Jesus offers must be the rest that will lead us into a true repentance when we finally come to Christ.

5. What does it mean to come to Jesus?

Discuss:

a. **Read Matthew 11:29-30 (KJV)**

“Take my _____ upon you, and _____ of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls; for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

- The yoke was an instrument that tied an older experienced ox to a younger inexperienced ox, so that the old bull could teach the young bull. Often the Rabbi's teachings were called a “Yoke” or discipline. It would be the set of teachings that the disciple would be taught if he were to be that Rabbi's disciple.
- b. If coming to Jesus means to take His teachings, then it must mean that through His teachings He will help us to truly be able to repent.
What does this mean to you?

Who will be your new life instructor?

Who do you now listen to?

- This is what it means to come to Jesus. It means He is your new Rabbi and your Lord and Master, and it means that you will now be taking instruction from Him alone, and through this choice Jesus will begin a process in your life that will ultimately lead to a real and genuine repentance where you will find acceptance with God, and healing for your soul.

c. Discuss this statement in light of the above thought:

“We can no more repent without the Spirit of Christ to awaken the conscience than we can be pardoned without Christ. Christ is the source of every right impulse. He is the only one that can implant in the heart enmity against sin. Every desire for truth and purity, every conviction of our own sinfulness, is an evidence that His Spirit is moving upon our hearts.”
SC 26.3

- In short: Coming to Christ is the act of giving Him permission to bring you into a genuine repentance. It is telling God that you want Him in your life today. It is calling on Him to take up residence in your life, so that you may follow Him as He leads. Is this your desire today?

d. How often do we need to come to Jesus? Is once enough or every now and then?

- Read **1 Chronicles 16:11**:

“Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face _____.”

6. How does the call to come unto Jesus tie into the three Angel’s messages?

- Read: **Revelation 18:4, Revelation 14:8, Revelation 22:17**

This message is not just a personal call unto salvation that will lead us to real repentance, but it is part of the great Adventist message to the world. This message calls the world to come to Christ that they may find in Christ a true and real righteousness that will cover them in the judgment, and a Savior that will show them their sinner’s need. It also will lead them into a genuine repentance that will give them acceptance with God.