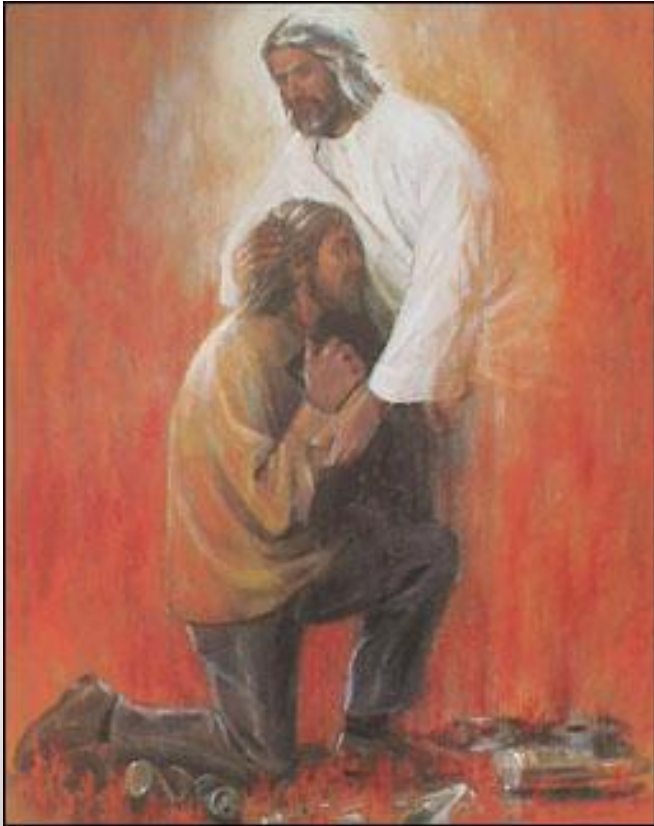


“Fallen man is not simply an imperfect creature who needs improvement; he is a rebel who must lay down his arms ... This process of surrender—this movement full speed astern—is what Christians call repentance. Now repentance is no fun at all. It is something much harder than merely eating humble pie. It means unlearning all the self-conceit and self-will that we have been training ourselves into for thousands of years. It means killing part of yourself, undergoing a kind of death.”

~ C.S. Lewis



... he is altogether lovely ...

(SS 5:16)

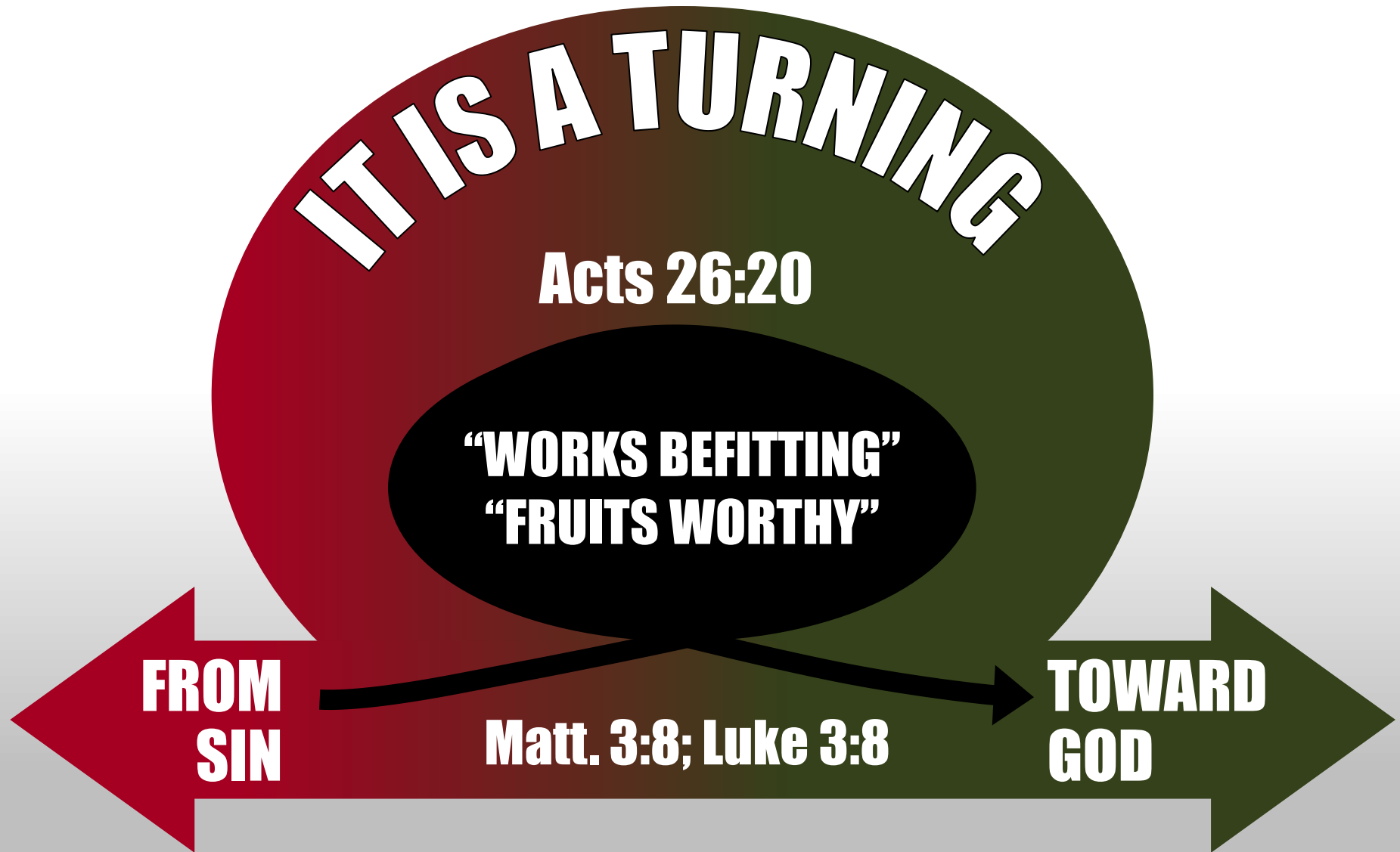
REPENTANCE

A change of heart and mind that
leads to a change of action!

The Preaching of Repentance...

- John the Baptist, who came before Jesus, preached repentance – **Matt. 3:1-2**
- Jesus, when He began His work in earnest, preached repentance – **Matt. 4:17 (cf. Mark 1:15)**
- The apostles, to include Peter and Paul, preached repentance – **Mark 6:12; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 20:18-21**
- God Himself, who for a time winked at ignorance, now commands repentance – **Acts 17:30** – Why?
– **v. 31**

What is Repentance?



Repentance is a Turning...

Evil → **1 Pet. 3:10-12** → **Good**

Darkness → **Acts 26:17-18** → **Light**

Power of Satan → **Acts 26:18; Rom. 1:16** → **Power of God**

Sin → **Ezek. 18:24-28** → **Righteousness**

Dead Works → **Heb. 6:1; Rev. 2:5** → **Faith**

Wickedness → **Acts 8:22** → **Forgiveness**

From Sin

Toward God

Repentance...

- Is **NOT** remorse alone – **cf. 2 Cor. 7:10-11**
- Is **NOT** the “Sorry I got caught” attitude!
- Is **NOT** blaming everyone else for what you did wrong!
- Is **NOT** making excuses for your sin!
- Is **NOT** just making an appearance before the congregation!
- Is **NOT** Easy!
- Is **NOTHING** to be ashamed of! – **cf. Luke 15:7, 10**





Repentance Illustrated

- The Parable of the Lost Son – **Luke 15:11-32**
- The Parable of the Two Sons – **Matt. 21:28-31**



Luke 13:1-5

¹ There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² And Jesus answered and said to them, “Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all other Galileans, because they suffered such things? ³ I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem? ⁵ I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.”

Repent
AND SIN
NO MORE!

