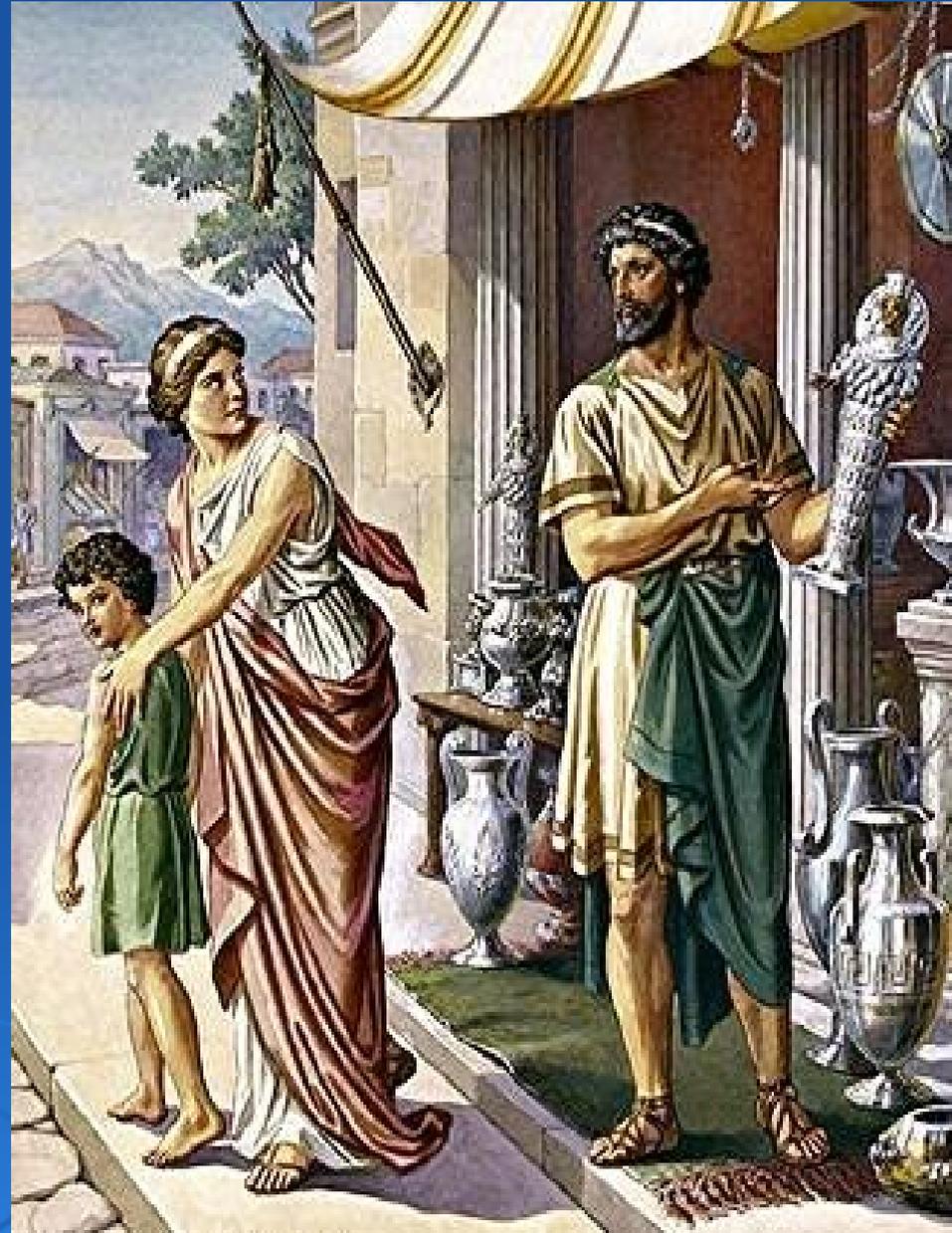
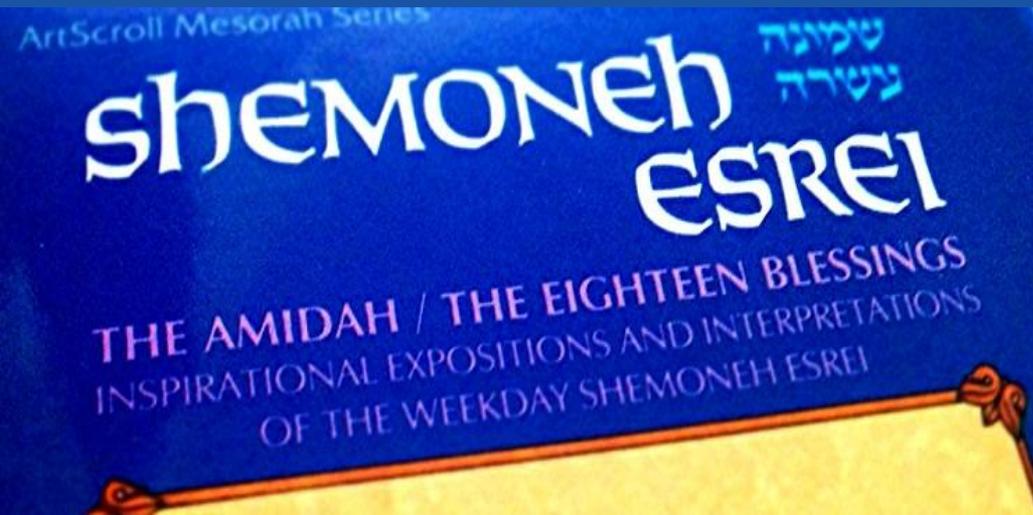


JEWES, JUDAISM, AND THE WAY

- Silversmith guild caused a riot in Ephesus
- Silversmiths saw The Way as part of Judaism
- The Way considered themselves as part of Judaism
- Mainstream Jews agreed that The Way was part of Judaism
- Some gentiles were part of it, but that had been so since the exodus from Egypt

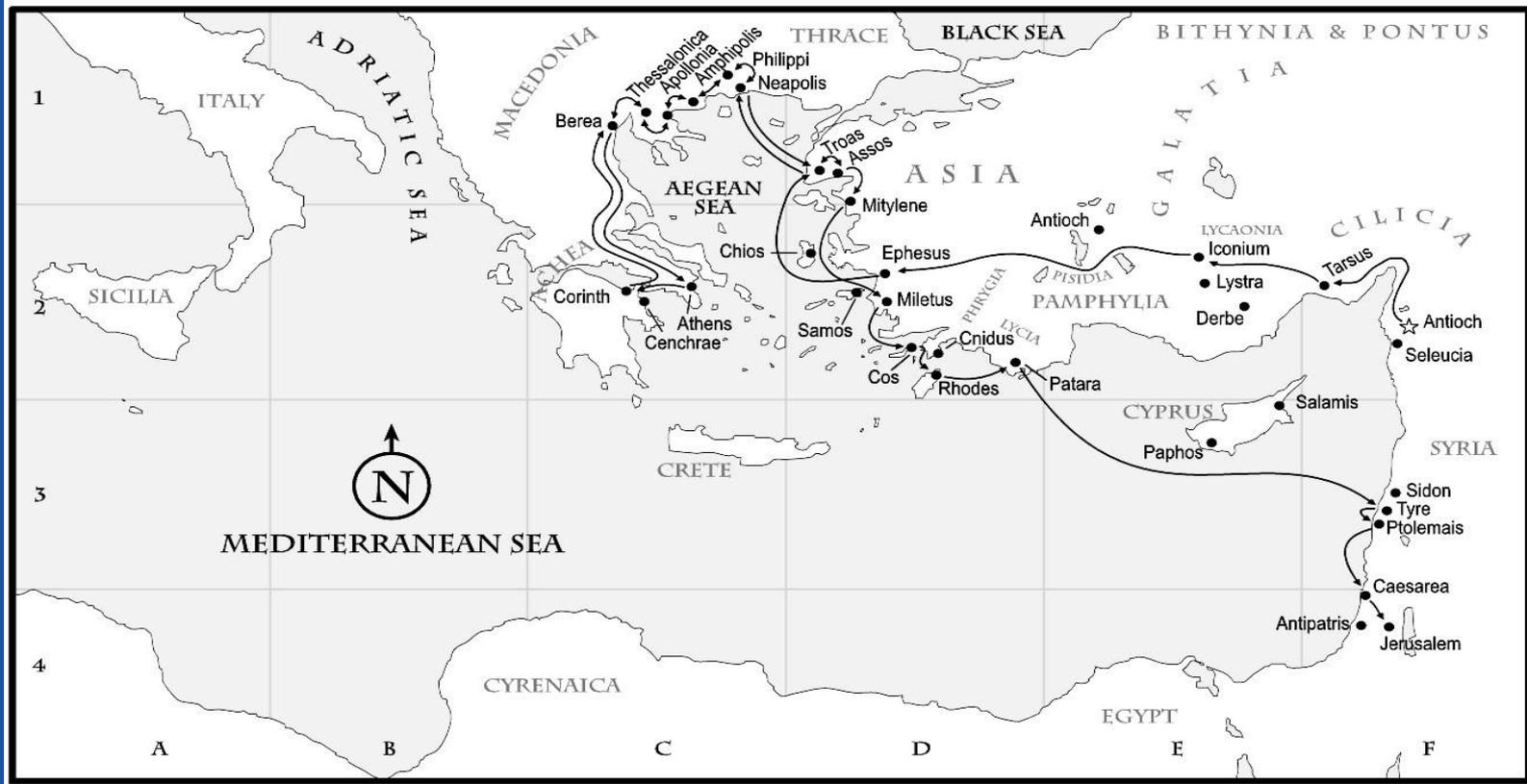


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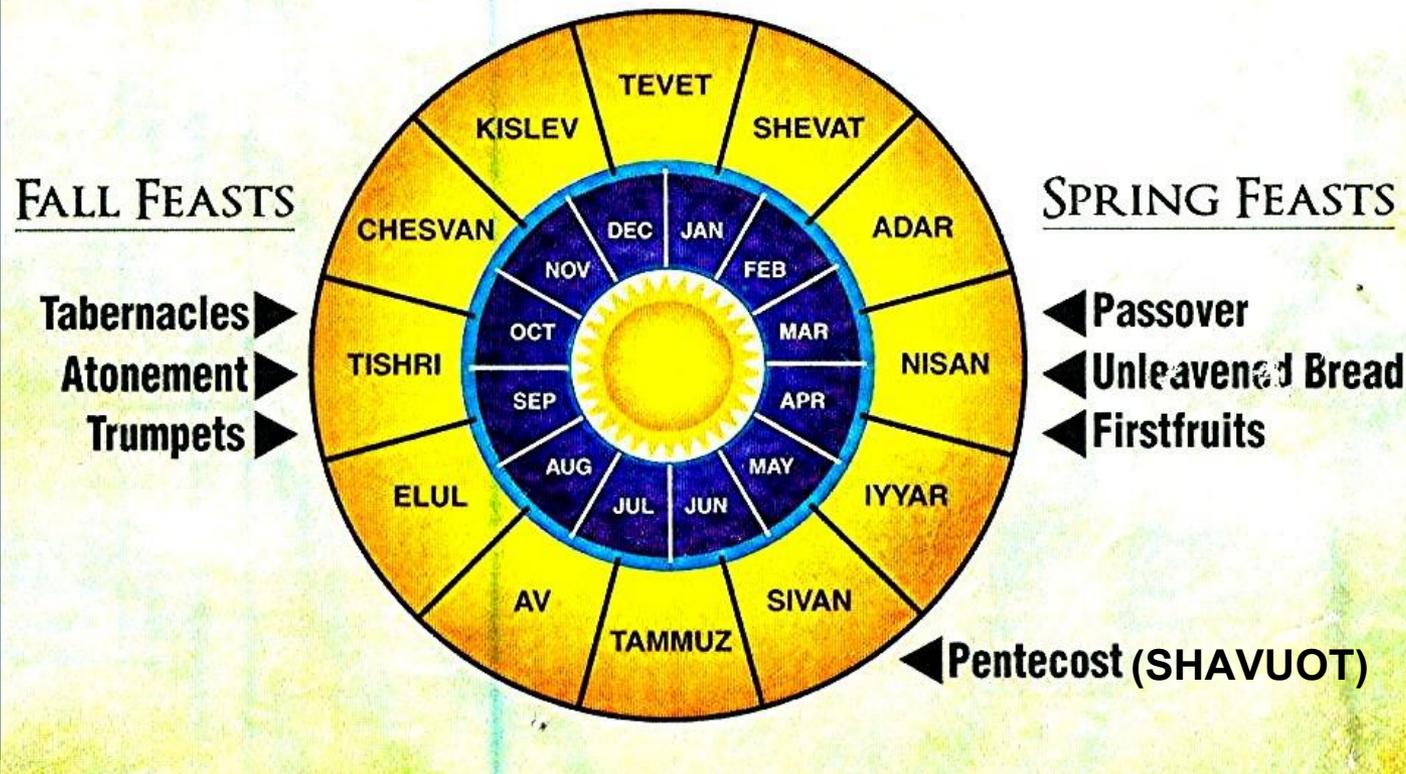


- In time Rabbis claimed that The Way was heretical
- Just before 100 A.D. the *Birkat ha-Minim* was enacted
- Book of benedictions called Shemoneh Esrei
- Aimed at Jews of The Way...not at Christians (gentiles)





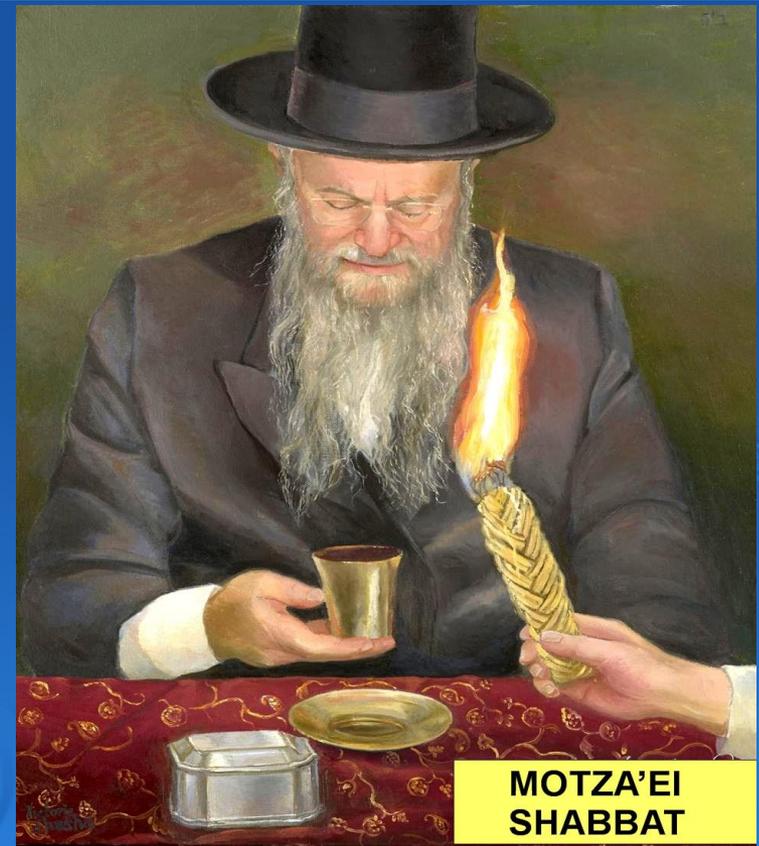
- Other NT books also deal with Paul's journeys
- Paul left Ephesus, went to Troas expecting to meet Titus there
- Paul left for Macedonia to finally meet up with Titus
- Went to Greece for 3 months (wintered there)
- Elders came to Corinth to meet with Paul, and then sail with him to Jerusalem to deliver the contributions for the poor



- A plot to kill Paul is uncovered, so Paul alters his plans
- Elders sail to Troas as planned, while Paul takes a different ship
- Didn't leave until "Days of Matzah" ended
- Passover and Matzah used interchangeably in common speech
- In 7 weeks Shavuot would arrive and Paul wanted to be in Jerusalem to obey the commandment to come to the Temple for the pilgrimage festival(s)

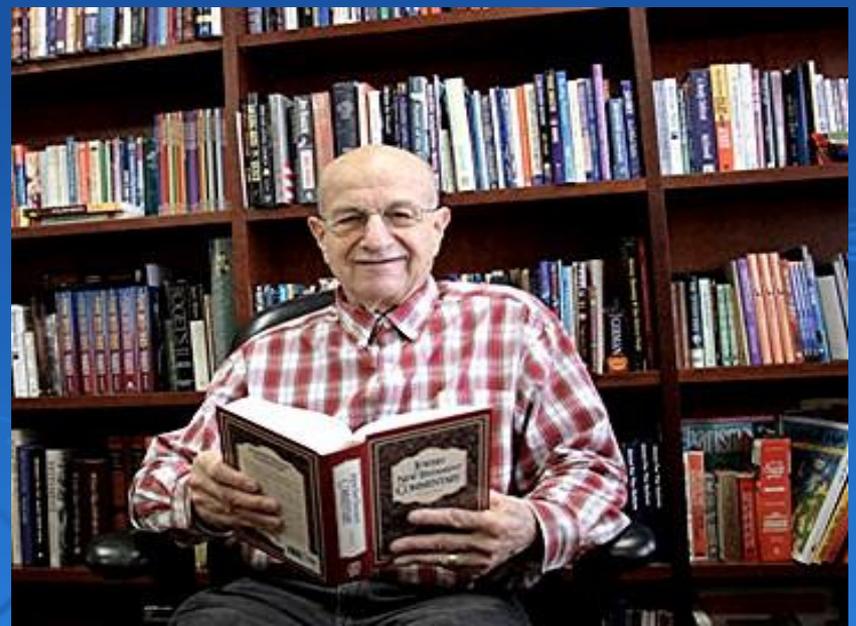
MOTZA'EI SHABBAT

- Acts 20:7 Big changes?
- **Motza'ei Shabbat** = departure of the Sabbath
- Shabbat ends at sunset
- **Motza'ei Shabbat** is not a Biblical command; is a Tradition
- After sunset, meal was prepared and eaten
- To begin evening meal, a **barakah** is spoken, and the bread is broken and passed around



MOTZA'EI
SHABBAT

- Paul was not changing or adding anything !
- Dr. David Stern
- Which day for worship?
- 1) No Biblical concept of a designated Day of Worship & no days are prohibited
- 2) Shabbat is a day of rest and nothing else
- 3) Saturday (*Shabbat*) meeting for synagogue is a Jewish Tradition
- 4) Sunday is NOT a pagan day....God created all 7 days
- *Motza'ei Shabbat* is done on Sunday!

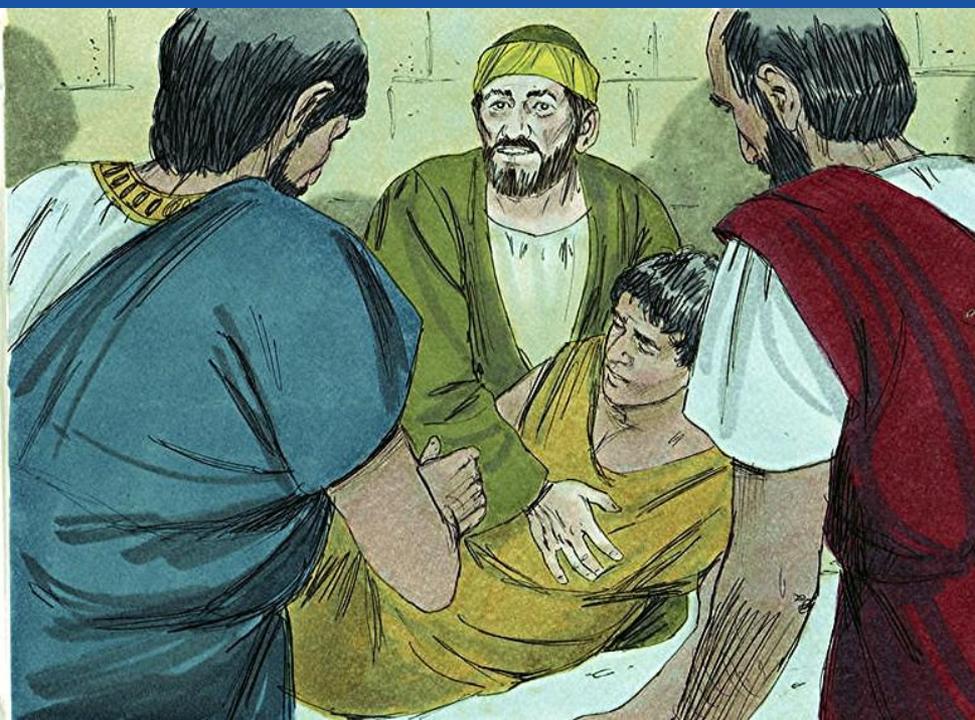




- 5) Constantine (and the Church) ABOLISHED Sabbath, created the Lord's Day to be held on Sundays
- 6) NOTHING wrong with meeting on Saturdays for worship, just as nothing wrong with meeting on Sundays for worship...neither has more merit than the other.....both are manmade customs and traditions
- But.....**Shabbat** is always the 7th day and cannot be changed by humans

LUKE IS BACK

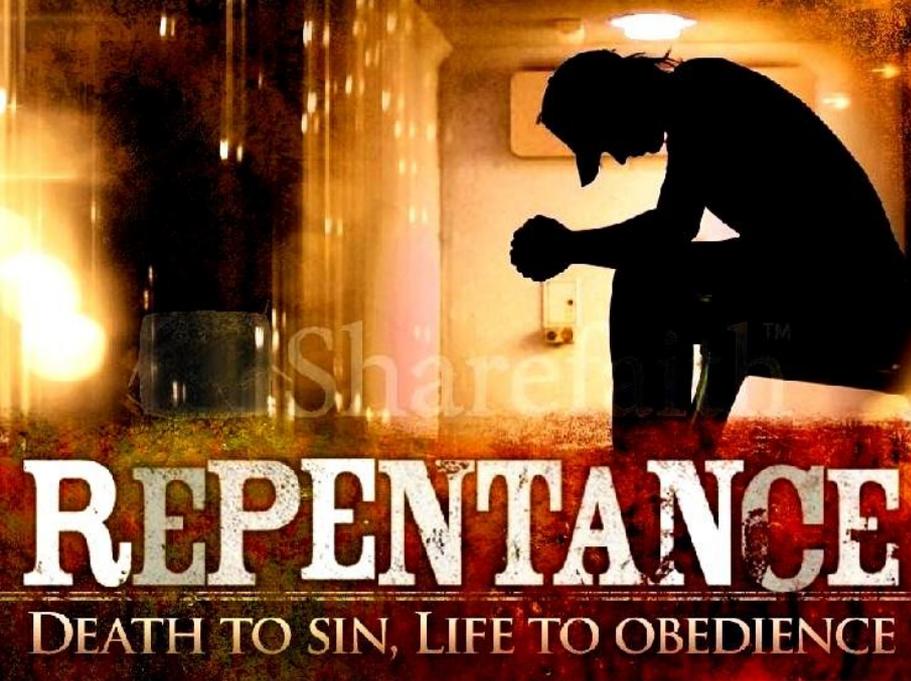
- About midnight, a young man named Eutychus fell asleep on a window ledge and fell 3 stories!
- Hit the pavement and died
- Paul embraces him and he comes alive
- Luke, a doctor, was an eye witness
- Time to leave Troas, but Paul decides to walk to Assos while the others take a ship



PAUL DECLARES HIS FAITHFULNESS

- From Assos to Mitylene, then to Chios, then to Samos, and finally to Miletus
- Paul summons Elders from Ephesus because he thought he would not ever see them again
- A good example is more powerful than good words
- Paul says he taught the same beneficial reality to Jews and gentiles: repentance and faith in Christ



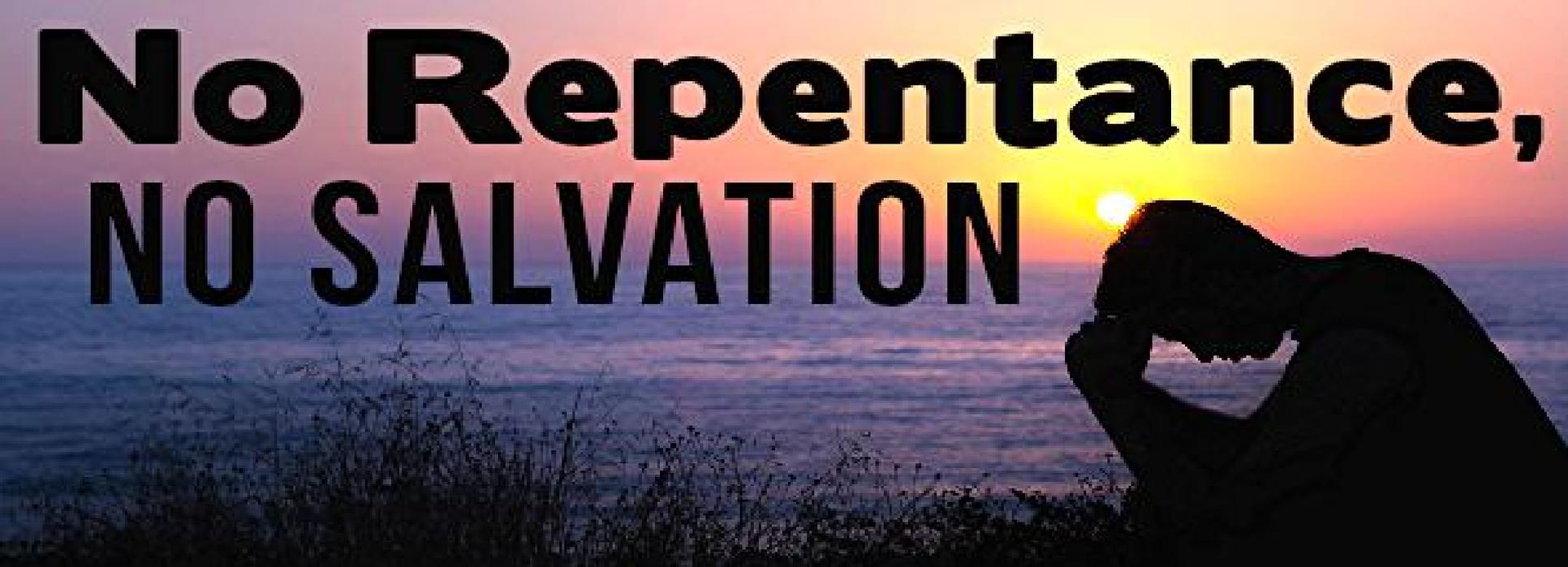


REPENTANCE: THE ELIGIBILITY TEST

- First, before Grace, comes repentance
- Both repentance AND trust in Christ are needed
- Repentance and trusting in Christ are separate events
- The Law shows that you are a sinner
- But Yeshua is the only means to PAY for your sins
- Substitution. First was animals, then Yeshua once and for all !



No Repentance, NO SALVATION



- “Un-victorious Christians” (an oxymoron) are those who think that they can have Salvation without sincere repentance.....but they can't
- All Christians (Believers) are victorious! We have been handed an eternal victory!
- Turning from sin is an act of the human will
- Trust in the Lord Yeshua and receiving forgiveness is an act of divine Grace

PREPARE FOR THE ATTACK

- Paul predicts that something bad will happen at Jerusalem
- Turns out, he did go back to Ephesus later on
- Paul speaks to the leadership of Ephesus about their duty to protect the sheep
- Wolves from within and without will come with deviant doctrines
- John 10:14 - 17

