

A METANOIA moment

METANOIA... from 2 Greek roots: meta + noia. We know the word: metaphor = change the **form**, right?! Not complicated!

meta = **change** + **noia** = **mind**. It simply means: **change our mind**; in other words: change our thinking; and it expresses the expectation of any good parent or teacher, **including first grade teachers**; or even a business owner... who would want their people -- young or old... to think differently; and think outside of the box, **until they think correctly...** **something we can do every day.**

METANOIA means: **rethink**, **reconsider**, and **relearn**; it is a great assignment that all students should want to do every day -- simply because we haven't graduated yet; especially those students who are lifelong learners... enrolled in **the first-grade class of the LORD JESUS...** who is the Great Teacher.

The word: **disciples** (in Greek: **math-é-tés** = the person or people; and the first part isn't rocket science! It is the one putting the pieces together: 1 + 1 + 1.

METANOIA has **nothing** to do with that **terrible** word that **Jesus would NEVER** use in a million years! That word that means: **re-pain, pain again and again!** **Can you imagine any first grade teacher yelling at their goofy, wiggly students: YOU BETTER REPENT!** That would not be Jesus' style.

And why would Jesus ever use **that** word? The prophet Isaiah told us 2,700 years ago: the One who was despised and rejected by all mankind, He already **took our pains and carried away our diseases** – **Isaiah 53**. and then, **He sat down!** Mission done, once for all time. The Bible is so interesting to read, isn't it?

So why would anybody need to re-pain themselves? The Lord's pain on Calvary was good enough; pain enough for the whole world... to prove His loving Father was dead serious... about His Word!

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Jesus, the good Teacher knew: **without a changed mind, there will be NO changed heart**.... which is what all the advertisers also know... but they are paid millions in hopes to change our thinking. The battle is over our minds; and what we know, or think we know... our minds are bombarded by the media images and talking heads, by those supposed experts... foreign and domestic; all saying stuff that we're supposed to believe.

Knowledge is the information needed to give us the ability to act confidently... in a way that opinions or strong feelings do not. If you know the house is on fire, you must share the information.

Nicodemus came by night to Jesus with many questions and doubts; and Jesus answered him by saying: **We speak what we know; and testify what we have seen.**

Before stepping back into eternity, Jesus told His students they were to teach others all that He taught them. Jesus said, Go, and make students, interns of the Lord... teaching them all I instructed you... and none of what Jesus taught was about... some devotion to a local religious institution or political reality.

Jesus added... I will never abandon you. I am with you always to the end of the world.

And just that verse, might cause you to have a **METANOIA moment**... and consider, or even reconsider what Jesus said... especially if you think He has abandoned you.

What Jesus taught His disciples was about the kingdom of God His Father and the place where things in His creation are done right, He taught about where joy and peace abound... and it is near... closer than you and I can imagine, as near as your hand, so grab it!

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How? By having a **METANOIA moment** by rethinking and reconsidering what we know -- or think we know. By letting go of our faulty thinking and taking to heart what our good Teacher said; by hearing what He said; by listening to the way He thinks; by considering those many things He told us. He said, **Come to Me; learn from Me... and you will find rest for your soul.**

METANOIA is not some twisted word, conjuring up the need to fear and **hurt and pain yourself.**

METANOIA = is to **meta-know...** to change what we know; and it's a time to discover great **joy and peace.**

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Based on the word our good Teacher said to His first-grade class...

A METANOIA moment... is when the lights turn on,
and we change our mind... what's rolling 'round our head!
It's a moment in our day... when we're walking in His way;
When we rethink and we relearn all Jesus said.

A METANOIA moment... is when the lights turn on,
as we figure out... the puzzle in our head!
It's that moment on the path... when we're trying to do the math,
When we rethink and we relearn all Jesus said.