

**DISCIPLESHIP CHALLENGE
DOCTRINE OF SALVATION
PART 2-TERMINOLOGY
“REPENTANCE”**

I. THE IMPORTANCE OF REPENTANCE.

- A. Repentance Was Important In John The Baptist’s Preaching Ministry! (*Matthew 3:1-2*)**
He began his ministry calling on men to repent!
- B. Repentance Was Important In Jesus’ Preaching Ministry! (*Matthew 4:17; Mark 1:15*)**
He also began His ministry by calling on men to repent.
- C. Repentance Was Important In Jesus’ Disciples Ministry! (*Mark 6:12*)**
He commanded His disciples to preach that men must repent.
- D. Repentance Is Important In The Ministry That Jesus Left His Followers! (*Luke 24:36-53; esp. 46-47*)**
Before Jesus was taken up into heaven, He directed His followers to evangelize the world by preaching repentance.
- E. Repentance Was Important In The Apostles Preaching Ministry! (*Acts 2:38; 20:21*)**
- F. God’s Command To All Men Everywhere Is To Repent! (*Acts 17:30b; 2 Peter 3:9b*)**
His mercy is revealed by the fact that He is “*not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*”
- G. Failure to heed God’s call to repentance can mean only one thing, eternal damnation. (*Luke 13:1-5.*)**

Repentance is a vital part of the new birth. But those who are already saved and who grieve the Spirit through sinning (*Ephesians 4:30*) must also repent, resulting in confessing sins committed, and thereby being restored to fellowship with God (*1 John 1:9*).

II. THE NATURE OF REPENTANCE.

BIBLICAL REPENTANCE starts with a CHANGE OF VIEW in the recognition of the sinfulness of one’s own heart, which is in complete rebellion against God as an unsaved sinner. From there, it involves a CHANGE OF MIND that leads to CHANGED ATTITUDES, DESIRES and PURPOSES.

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A. BIBLICAL REPENTANCE INVOLVES A CHANGE OF VIEW! (i.e A Recognition Of One’s Sin.)

- 1. All Have Sinned And Come Short Of God’s Glory! (*Romans 3:23*)**
- 2. There Is None That Does Good! (*Psalms 53:3*)**
- 3. There Is None That Is Righteous! (*Romans 3:10*)**
- 4. The Aspects Of Sin:**
 - a Sin Is A Transgression! (*1 John 3:4*)**
i.e. An overstepping the law (missing the mark)
 - b. Sin Is An Error! (*Romans 3:23; James 5:20*)**
i.e. A departure from right
 - c. Sin Is A Trespass! (*Ephesians 2:1*)**
i.e. A stepping into the area of Divine authority in self-will.
 - d. Sin Is Lawlessness! (*Romans 5:13*)**
i.e. Spiritual anarchy
 - e. Sin Is Unbelief! (*John 3:18;16:9; 1 John 5:11*)**
i.e. Insulting God, not believing He is trustworthy.
 - f. Sin Is Unrighteousness! (*Romans 1:18-20; 3:23; 6:13; 1 John 5:17*)**
i.e. A failure to meet God’s holy standard—Jesus Christ.
 - g. Sin Is Iniquity! (*Matthew 24:12*)**
i.e. Injustice, wickedness.

B. BIBLICAL REPENTANCE INVOLVES A CHANGE OF MIND! (e.g. *Matthew 21:28-32*)

The word translated “*repented*” there means “*to change one’s mind*” about a thing.

- 1. A Change Of Mind About Self And Sin. (*Isaiah 64:6; Romans 3:23*)**
- 2. A Change Of Mind About God.**
A sinner most always is wrong in his thoughts of God.