

# The Doctrine of Salvation

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# Conversion: Repentance and Faith

The first act of a regenerated sinner's new nature is the conscious decision to repent of sin and believe in Christ for salvation. Finally furnished with the ability to perceive reality as it is, the newborn soul necessarily and immediately turns away in revulsion from sin and eagerly runs to embrace Christ. - MacArthur, pg. 590

Acts 26:<sup>18</sup> to open their eyes, *in order* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.'

2 Cor. 4:<sup>6</sup> For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

# Conversion: Repentance and Faith

- Turning away from sin = repentance
- Turning to Christ = faith
- This is one act and repentance and faith are inseparable, two sides of the same coin of conversion. You cannot turn away from something without turning toward something else.
- Mark 1:15 - and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”
- Acts 20:21 - testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 1 Thess. 1:9 - For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,

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Christ becomes of inestimable beauty and value so that the newly awakened sinner delightfully forsakes everything else for Him.

Matthew 13:44 “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.<sup>45</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, <sup>46</sup> who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Phil. 3:8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ.

# Repentance

- Old Testament Words for Repentance

- Nakham - sorrow, to be grieved, sighing (an emotional component)

Job 42:6 “Therefore I abhor myself, and **repent** in dust and ashes.”

Jeremiah 31:19 Surely, after my **turning**, I **repented**; and after I was instructed, I struck myself on the thigh; I was ashamed, yes, even humiliated, because I bore the reproach of my youth.’

- Shub - to turn, to return

Isaiah 59:20 “The Redeemer will come to Zion, And to those who **turn** from transgression in Jacob,” says the LORD.

# Repentance

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Dan. 9:13 “As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come upon us; yet we have not made our prayer before the Lord our God, that we might **turn from** our iniquities and understand Your truth.

Jer. 18:11 “Now therefore, speak to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, ‘Thus says the Lord: “Behold, I am fashioning a disaster and devising a plan against you. **Return** now every one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good.” ’ ” 12 And they said, “That is hopeless! So we will walk according to our own plans, and we will every one obey the dictates of his evil heart.”

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Jer. 25:5 They said, ‘**Repent** now everyone of his evil way and his evil doings, and dwell in the land that the LORD has given to you and your fathers forever and ever.

Jer. 26:3 Perhaps everyone will listen and **turn from** his evil way, that I may relent [have compassion] concerning the calamity which I purpose to bring on them because of the evil of their doings.’

Jer. 35:15 I have also sent to you all My servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, ‘**Turn now** everyone from his evil way, amend your doings, and do not go after other gods to serve them; then you will dwell in the land which I have given you and your fathers.’ But you have not inclined your ear, nor obeyed Me.



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Hosea 5:4 “They do not direct their deeds toward **turning** to their God, for the spirit of harlotry is in their midst, and they do not know the Lord.

Ezek. 18:21 “But if a wicked man **turns** from all his sins which he has committed, keeps all My statutes, and does what is lawful and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die.

# Repentance

- New Testament Words for Repentance
- Metamelomai - regret (emotional component)

2 Cor. 7:8 For even if I made you sorry with my letter, I do not **regret** it; though I did **regret** it. For I perceive that the same epistle made you sorry, though only for a while.

Matt. 21:32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him; but tax collectors and harlots believed him; and when you saw it, you did not afterward **relent** and believe him.

Matt. 27:3 Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was **remorseful** and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,

# Repentance

- Epistrepho - turning, to change direction

Acts 14:15 - and saying, “Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should **turn from** these useless things **to** the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them.

1 Thess. 1:9 For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you **turned to** God **from** idols to serve the living and true God.

# Repentance

- Metanoia - to change one's mind, acknowledge sin and turn from it

Mark 1:4 John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of **repentance** for the remission of sins.

Luke 5:32 I have not come to call *the* righteous, but sinners, to **repentance**.”

Acts 8:22 **Repent** therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you.

2 Cor. 12:21 - lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and I shall mourn for many who have sinned before and have not **repented** of the uncleanness, fornication, and lewdness which they have practiced.

Rev. 2:5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; **repent** and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you **repent**.

# Repentance

- Repentance is a change in thinking that leads to a change in behavior. It involves the whole of the inner man, not merely the intellect (mind).
- “While maintaining that the word denotes primarily a change of mind, we should not lose sight of the fact that its meaning is not limited to the intellectual, theoretical consciousness, but also includes the moral consciousness, the conscience. Both the mind and the conscience are defiled (Titus 1:15), and when a person’s mind is changed he not only received new knowledge, but the direction of his conscious life, its moral quality, is also changed.” - Berkhof, pg. 481
- Titus 1:15 To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled.
- 2 Cor. 7:10 For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.

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# Repentance

- True repentance is a redirection of the human will, a purposeful decision to forsake all unrighteousness and pursue righteousness instead. Intellectually it is a recognition of sin and emotionally it is a genuine sorrow and remorse. - MacArthur, pg. 593
- Matt. 5:4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- Isa. 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.
- Ezek. 33:19 But when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is lawful and right, he shall live because of it.

# Repentance

- Note: Changing behavior (alone) is not repentance.
- Note: Repentance is not a call to clean up your life in order to fit for saving.
- Note: Repentance, as all of salvation, ultimately is a gift we are given by God according to His grace.

Acts 5:31 Him God has exalted to His right hand *to be* Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.

Acts 11:18 When they heard these things they became silent; and they glorified God, saying, “Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life.”

When given the gift, we must then use it!