

“Repent” – Examples in scripture

- #1 – It was the first word of John the Baptist’s ministry.
See Matthew 3:2.**
- #2 – It was the first word of Jesus public ministry.
See Matthew 4:16-17 or Mark 1:14-15.**
- #3 – It was the first message of the disciple’s ministries
See Mark 6:12.**
- #4 – It was the first message in Jesus’ instruction to His
disciples after he rose from the dead.
See Luke 24:46-47.**
- #5 – It was the first message given to people that
responded to the gospel in Acts 2 at Pentecost.
See Acts 2:37-38.**
- #6 – It was the first message Paul gave to King Agrippa.
See Acts 26:19-20.**

Repent or Repentance

#1 – What does it mean?

It simply means “to have a change of mind or thinking”.

It comes from 2 words:

#1 – Meta – Means “after” implying “change”.

#2 – Noeo – “The mind” or “to think” or “to observe”.

So, it speaks of “after a change of the mind” or “a change of mind” or “a change of thinking”.

#2 – What do people have to change their minds about?

#1 – We need to change our minds about our sins.

- We need to admit or confess we have violated God’s word, which means we’re sinners.

#2 – We need to change our minds if we think we’re good enough to get to heaven with the sins we’ve committed.

- We need to admit or confess that we are NOT good enough to get to heaven because of our sins (the standard is perfection).
- This is typically a much bigger issue than step #1.

#3 – We need to change our minds if we don’t think we need Jesus to be saved...we absolutely need Him to be saved.

- We need to admit or confess that we need Jesus.
- Jesus is the only one who lived the required perfect life.

How does repentance fit into Salvation?

Step #1 – We need to repent in 3 ways (this is the prerequisite to Step #2).

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This includes “confessing” (Mark 1:15 & Romans 10:9).

Step #2 – We need to believe (trust) in Jesus.

See John 3:16, Mark 1:15, Romans 10:9-10.

THEN a we will receive the presence & power of the Holy Spirit to change our lives.

Then we can bear fruits worthy of repentance (Phi 2:13).