

# Eternity part 5 “The Way of Repentance”

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Table Talk:

1. What is your favorite food!
2. What does apprenticeship mean to you?

The early church was known as the Way.

The Bible never calls anyone to become a Christian. Jesus never uses the “term” Christian. Jesus himself was not a Christian.

Jesus didn’t say, “Believe the right things about me and I’ll let you into heaven when you die.” His news about eternal living was something far grander, more life-changing, more costly, and far more compelling.

*Mark 1:17-18*

Jesus’ good news is that eternity (eternal life) is life with God, and for God, and life under God’s care and life by God’s power and is available now. If you want that life, the next logical step is to become a disciple, a student, an apprentice, a follower of Jesus.

“Way of Repentance”

*Luke 5:1-3*

Rethink everything you think you know about who God is, who you are, and what you think the good life you crave actually is. Put your trust and confidence in King Jesus, who saves you, frees you, heals you, and leads you to the life you deeply ache for...this is the Kingdom of God, eternal life!

*Luke 5:4-5*

“Master”

*Because you say so...*

Peter does not see what Jesus sees, but he is willing to do what Jesus says... and that is an aspect of apprenticeship with Jesus. It is living out Eternity in the here and now.

*Luke 5:6-7*

*How did Peter respond?*

*Luke 5:8*

Three Characteristics of the Way of Repentance

## 1) The Way of Confession

“A church person who says I am a sinner generally misunderstands it to mean that because God is gracious, nothing in my life has to change at all, especially if we think salvation in primarily legal terms, of being proclaimed innocent. Often times it leaves our inner person untouched and unchanged. Too often today in the church world we think forgiveness as merely being released from consequences.”

John Ortberg, Eternity is in Session

Peter has a profound experience of Jesus' identity and this causes a profound awareness of his own brokenness, and he confesses that he is a sinner.

## 2) The Way of Remorse

Remorse is a deep sense of regret, guilt for a wrong committed.

It might be hard to believe in today's culture but remorse can actually be a good thing. While it does not feel good, it can bring you the capacity and the desire and will to change.

*James 4:8-10 NLT*

## 3) The Way of Making Amends

Seeking to set right what you have done wrong is a central practice for the disciple of Jesus for spiritual health.

Making amends is not a violation of grace; it is a means of grace. It is what love would do. It seeks to right those I have wronged and am now called to love. It helps us to change.

Thankfully Jesus always sees beyond our words to our hearts. He sees even beyond our hearts to what we need.

*Luke 5:10b-11*

*Matthew 7:21*

What if salvation is not so much about getting us into eternity but getting more of eternity (eternal life/kingdom of God values) into us...

Table Talk:

- What in this passage/message sticks out to you the most when it comes to the way of Repentance? Why?