

Notes Repentance

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Mark 2:17 “When Jesus heard *it*, He said to them, “*Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.*”

Pool of Bethesda/Lame man

Jn 5:14 *Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, “See, you have been made well. **Sin no more**, lest a worse thing come upon you.”*

Woman caught in adultery

Jn 8:11 “Neither do I condemn you; go and **sin no more.**”

Jesus never ministered mercy at the expense of truth.

Luke 24:46-47 “Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, ^[a]and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, ⁴⁷and that **repentance** and **remission of sins** should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”

Acts 2:37 “Now when they heard *this*, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “*Men and brethren, what shall we do?*”

Vs 38 “Then Peter said to them, “**Repent**, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ **for the remission of sins**; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 3:19 “**Repent** therefore and be converted, that your **sins may be blotted out**, so that *times of refreshing* may come from the presence of the Lord,

Acts 8:9 “But there was a certain man called Simon, who previously practiced sorcery in the city and astonished the people of Samaria, claiming that he was someone great,

Vs 13 “Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done.

Vs 14-24 “When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. ¹⁵When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, ¹⁶because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

¹⁸When Simon saw that the Spirit was given at the laying on of the apostles’ hands, he offered them money ¹⁹and said, “*Give me also this ability so that everyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit.*”

²⁰Peter answered: “*May your money perish with you, because you thought you could buy the gift of God with money!* ²¹You have no part or share in this ministry, because your heart is not right before God. ²²**Repent of this wickedness and pray to the Lord in the hope that**

he may forgive you for having such a thought in your heart. ²³For I see that you are full of bitterness and captive to sin.” (obviously there was no or incomplete repentance)

(Repentance precedes forgiveness)

²⁴Then Simon answered, “Pray to the Lord for me so that nothing you have said may happen to me.”

Paul at Mars Hill.

Acts 17:22 “Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things **you are very religious;**”

Vs 30 “Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to **repent**,

Vs 31 “because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained.

Churches in Revelation

Church at Ephesus ‘left first love’

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**.

Church at Pergamos Hold doctrine of Balaam ‘to commit sexual immorality’
Hold doctrine of Nicolaitans, Jesus hates!

Rev 2:16 “**Repent**, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.

Church at Thyatira commits sexual immorality and eat things offered to idols.

Rev 2:21 ““And I gave her time to **repent** of her sexual immorality, and she did not **repent**”
Vs 22 Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they **repent** of their deeds.

Church at Sardis ‘I have not found your works perfect before God’

Rev 3:1-6 ‘. ³Remember therefore how you have received and heard; hold fast and **repent**. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you. ⁴You have a few names ^[d]even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy. ⁵He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and **I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life**; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels.

⁶ “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” ’

What Repentance is Not

Repentance is not the same as conviction of sin.

Acts 24:24-25 “And after some days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, who was Jewish, he sent for Paul and heard him concerning the faith in Christ. Now as he reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and answered, “Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you.”

Acts 26:28 “Then Agrippa said to Paul, “*You almost persuade me to become a Christian.*”

Repentance is not the same as worldly sorrow of feeling bad about something.

Worldly sorrow is being sorry for getting caught or for the consequences that resulted from what we have done.

Without true repentance a person will most likely repeat their past sins.

2 Cor 7:10 “*For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death.*”

Repentance is not the same as reformation.

I have turned over a new leaf’ It is not a New Years resolution

Repentance is not the same as being religious.

It is not going to church or fasting or tithing or even giving to the poor.

What Repentance is

“It implies and intellectual and hearty giving up of all controversy with God upon each and every point.

It implies a conviction that God is wholly right and the sinner wholly wrong, and thorough and hearty abandonment of all excuses and apologies for sin” Charles Finney

The concept of repentance is found in both the Old and the New Testament

To grieve about one’s doings

To turn around and go another direction

To change one’s mind or purpose

True Repentance Affects the Mind

Eph 4:17-20 *“This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as ^[a]the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the **futility of their mind**, ¹⁸having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the **blindness of their heart**; ¹⁹who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.”*

True Repentance Affects the Emotions

Paul here is calling Christians in the church to repent!

2 Cor 7:8-11 *“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. ⁹Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing. ¹⁰For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death. ¹¹For observe this very thing, that you sorrowed in a godly manner: What diligence it produced in you, what clearing of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what vehement desire, what zeal, what vindication! In all things you proved yourselves to be clear in this matter.”*

The Bible says to renounce or forsake our former conduct and turn to the Lord.

Acts 19:18-20 *“And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds. ¹⁹Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver. ²⁰So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.”*

Forsaking means that we renounce all our past practices.

The word renounce literally means to disown.

Sometimes there is value in verbally renouncing things that we are aware of and things that we are not aware of.

- Specific sins with which we have struggled in the past.
- Connections that we have had with satanic rituals and the occult.
- Sinful family traits that seem to have identified or marked us.

