#### I Believe In Repentance

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I Believe In God I Believe – (# 1)

But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him:* for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. (Hebrews 11:6)

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Make a choice for the Lord and live a life that acknowledges God.

I Believe In The Bible

**I Believe – (# 2)** 

16 All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:
17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.
(2 Timothy 3:16-17)

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Put the Bible into your heart, to put your heart into the Bible.

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I Believe Man Has A Need

I Believe – (# 3)

For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. (Romans 5:19)

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Every man has a need, to which only God has the answer.

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# I Believe In The Cross

**I Believe – (# 4)** 

For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. (1 Corinthians 1:17)

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The message of God's love was posted for all to see.

The message is God's Son at Calvary.

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I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. (Luke 5:32)

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1) John <u>Preached</u> It (Repentance). John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. (Mark 1:4)

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Repentance is knowing that you are wrong, feeling remorse for what you have done, deciding to make a positive change in your life and then doing what is necessary to make your decision a reality.

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### **Key Verse:**

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord; (Acts 3:19) True repentance is being sorry enough for our sins that we turn from them and stop doing them. To "repent and be converted" is to do an "about face." One bumper sticker read, "To go to heaven, Turn Right and Go Straight."

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God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? (Romans 6:2)

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**References:** 

1 Peter 2:24



2) The People <u>Obeyed</u> It (Confessed).

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If from the time of your birth, you lived in a sterile bubble, completely separated from sinful society, would you be a sinner?

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For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; (Romans 3:23) If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. (1 John 1:8)

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You can't put your sins behind you until you face them.

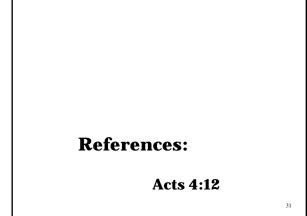
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And there went out unto him all the land of Judaea, and they of Jerusalem, and were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins. (Mark 1:5)



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3) Jesus <u>Declared</u> It (Repent).

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And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel. (Mark 1:15) This was a prayer of desperation, but not one of repentance.

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For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. (2 Corinthians 7:10)

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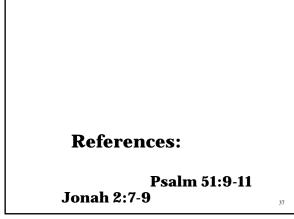
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After admitting our sin, we are at the crossroads of repentance.

Do we change course by doing an "about face?"



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If you think repentance is humiliating, just think of crucifixion.

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**References:** 

John 3:16-17

Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. (Luke 22:42)

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Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:2)

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It is transforming the decision to change into action.

And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then? (Luke 3:10)

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He answereth and saith unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise. (Luke 3:11)

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Repentance is not an abstract experience which occurs only once at an altar. If we put off repentance another day, we have a day more to repent of and one less day to repent in.

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### **Concluding Scripture:**

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If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)

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