

# An Unexpected Pathway to Peace

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# Repent

- **Acts 3:19** PASSION TRANSLATION  
“And now you must repent and turn back to God so that your sins will be removed, and so that times of refreshing will stream from the Lord’s presence.”
- The word in the original language, *METANOIA*, is an invitation to come up to Father’s level and see what’s really going on
- It refers also to “turning from one’s sin”

# We'd Rather Not Repent

- **Romans 8:7** NEW LIFE VERSION  
“The mind that thinks only of ways to please the sinful old self is fighting against God. It is not able to obey God’s Laws. It never can.”
- **Galatians 5:17a** THE VOICE TRANSLATION  
“For everything the flesh desires goes against the Spirit, and everything the Spirit desires goes against the flesh.”

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- **1 Corinthians 2:14** THE VOICE TRANSLATION  
“But a person who denies spiritual realities will not accept the things that come through the Spirit of God; they all sound like foolishness to him. He is incapable of grasping them because they are disseminated, discerned, and valued by the Spirit.”

# We'd Rather Not Repent

- When we sin and resist repenting, it's not just because the pleasure of sin has ensnared us; it's because we don't know who we belong to
- **1 John 3:1** THE MESSAGE  
“What marvelous love the Father has extended to us! Just look at it—we're called children of God! That's who we really are.”

# We Don't Know What It Means

- It doesn't mean feeling bad about yourself or something you've done
- It doesn't mean God's really mad at us for all the rotten things we've done
- It doesn't mean confession of sin

# The Result of Repenting is a Lush Life with God

- **Isaiah 30:15** NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION  
“This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says: ‘In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength’”
- The promise of Scripture is that repentance will replenish what Satan and the flesh have depleted

# The Result of Repenting is a Lush Life with God

- **Acts 3:19** NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION  
“Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.”
- **Acts 20:21** NEW LIVING TRANSLATION  
“I have had one message for Jews and Greeks alike—the necessity of repenting from sin and turning to God, and of having faith in our Lord Jesus.”



# The Result of Repenting is a Lush Life with God

- From the outset God sets out to win his people's hearts
- Repentance is rooted in God's love, not his anger — and love makes us dangerous



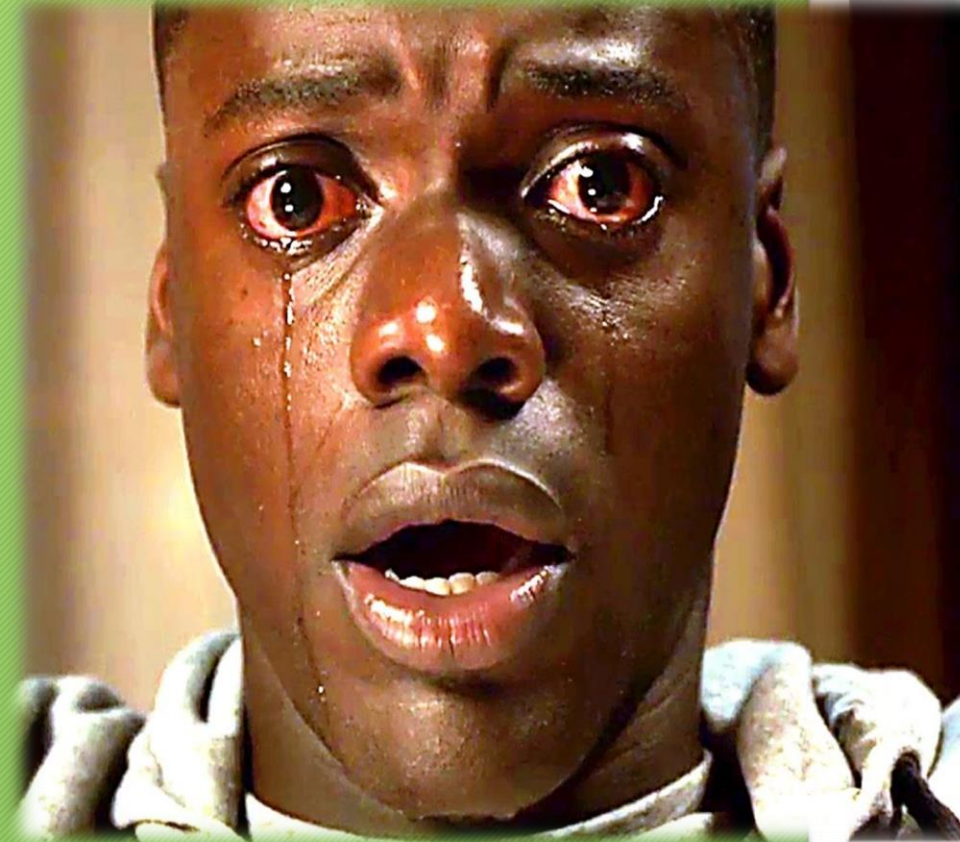
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- **Acts 3:19** THE VOICE TRANSLATION  
“so now you need to rethink everything and turn to God so your sins will be forgiven and a new day can dawn, days of refreshing times flowing from the Lord”

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“properly, a recovery of  
breath”



# Repenting Leads to “Times of Refreshing”

- Translator’s Note: “Or ‘cooling breeze,’ which occurs only here in the New Testament. This hints of the time when God walked with Adam in the cooling breeze of the day.”

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