

# Repentance Is Required

(Saving Faith Series - #2)

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## Review:

### **What kind of faith is saving faith?**

Many believe that (kind #1 – assent) Jesus is the Son of God.

But we must believe in (kind #2 – trust) Jesus to be saved.

The faith that saves is the faith that obeys.

## There is no doubt. Repentance is required!

### **John said so in Matt. 3:1,2**

*John the Baptist came, ...saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."*

### **Jesus said so in Luke 5:32**

*I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.*

### **Peter said so in Acts 2:38 & 3:19**

*Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven.*

*Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out...*

### **Paul said so in Acts 26:20**

*I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds.*

### **God says so in Acts 17:30**

*...now he (God) commands all people everywhere to repent.*

## Defining our vocabulary

### **REPENT** - Greek – *metanoeo*

*meta* – after, implying change    *noeo* – to perceive (*nous* =mind)

Hence signifies to change one's mind or purpose.

Repentance is a *change of mind*, a *turning* from one attitude or viewpoint to another.

Specifically, it is a change of mind or attitude toward *sin*, one's own sin in particular.

### **Repentance is NOT simply being sorry**

Many are sorry that they got caught, or that they have to suffer the consequences of sin.

### **Repentance is NOT sinlessness**

Just as trusting faith leads to obedience, repentance leads to a changed lifestyle.

Repentance is a change of *mind* about sin that takes place in the heart.

*Matt. 3:8 - Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.*

*Acts 26:20 - ...they should... prove their repentance by their deeds.*

## Repentance consists of...

### 1. A hatred of sin

Instead of loving sin, we hate it.

(Some hate the punishment that comes from sin, but not the sin itself.)

### 2. Remorse (sorrow) for having committed sins against God.

David had a *broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart* when he repented of his sin with Bathsheba.    *Ps. 51:17*

*2 Cor. 7:10 – Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.*

### 3. A desire to be rid of sin

David asked, "*Cleanse me... wash me... Create in me a pure heart, O God.*"    *Ps. 51:7-10*

### 4. A determination to forsake sin.

## Why repentance is required...

Salvation is salvation from *sin*, and we cannot be saved from our sin while we are still holding on to it in our hearts.

Saving faith is a reliance upon Jesus' sacrifice for salvation. If we trust in what Jesus did on the cross, we will understand that sin put Him there – and hate that sin.

When we trust in Jesus, he is our Lord. We cannot be slaves of sin and slaves of Christ. (*Rom. 6:15-22*)