

Repentance = to Turn

Meaning of Repentance:

1. Metamelomai – change of mind producing regret, not necessarily a change of heart.

Matthew 27:3 Then when Judas, who had betrayed Him, saw that He had been condemned, he felt remorse and returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders..

Judas had regret, he made restitution but did not ask or seek forgiveness.

Matthew 27:5 And he threw the pieces of silver into the sanctuary and departed; and he went away and hanged himself. (He did not seek forgiveness).

2. Metanoeo - to change one's mind and purpose, and life, as the result of after knowledge, to which the remission of sin is promised.

Steps of Repentance (Turn):

1. **Change of mind (what have I done), I have sinned**
2. **A hatred of the sin**
3. **Asking forgiveness, forgiveness by the blood of Jesus (Restitution is part of forgiveness)**
4. **On-going endeavor to walk in holiness.**

God's desire is for us to repent:

2nd Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but **for all to come to repentance.** (For all, all)

Luke 5:32 "I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

Ezekiel 14:6 "Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Repent and turn away from your idols, and turn your faces away from all your abominations.

Ezekiel 18:32 "For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone who dies," declares the Lord GOD. "Therefore, repent and live."

Matthew 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Matthew 11:20 Then He began to reproach the cities in which most of His miracles were done, because they did not repent.

Luke 13:3 "I tell you, no, but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.

Acts 3:19 "Repent therefore and return, that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord; **There are great blessings in repentance.**

Acts 17:30 ...God is now declaring to men **that all** everywhere should repent... **that's all, all, all, all**

Revelation 2:21 'And I gave her time to repent; and she does not want to repent of her immorality. **There is a deadline to repent.** **There have been men in this program that had left this program that have died.**

Romans 2:4 Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance? Holy Spirit convicts us of sin!

#1 Change of Mind

Psalm 51:4 (King David) Against Thee, Thee only, I have sinned, And done what is evil in Thy sight...

Psalm 51:5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me. (Adamic Curse – we are born into sin).

Psalm 109:22 For I am afflicted and needy, And my heart is wounded within me.

#2 Hatred of Sin

Romans 12:9 ...Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.

Psalm 97:10 Hate evil, you who love the LORD...

Revelation 2:6 (Jesus to the Church of Ephesus) Yet this you do have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

#3 Asking Forgiveness by the Blood of Christ

Psalm 51:7 Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Psalm 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me.

1st John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Psalm 51:1 According to the greatness of Thy compassion blot out my transgressions.

Luke 15:21 (Prodigal Son) And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.

#4 On-going endeavor to walk in holiness.

1st John 2:6 the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked.

1st John 1:7 but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Colossians 2:6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him...(Camp Hebron – he is a kid, not Jesus)

Walk depends on age, maturity, background

Philippians 3:14 (Apostle Paul) I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 3:8 "Therefore bring forth fruit in keeping with repentance;

Opps – messed up.

We all do opps don't we, you're not special?

What do we do then: go and review steps #1-4

Realized you sinned, Ask forgiveness, the Holy Spirit to help you, maybe restore, try to do better.

We all makes mistakes, But we make less mistakes the longer we walk with Jesus.

Scriptural Examples:

Job 42:6 (Job to God) Therefore I retract, And I repent in dust and ashes.

2nd Chronicles 7:14 and My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Luke 19:8 And Zaccheus (Matthew) stopped and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much." **He changed so much that God allowed him to write a book in the NT.**

2nd Samuel 12:13 Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also has taken away your sin; you shall not die. **(Adultery, murder- all over a period of time)**

Repent of Repentance Examples:

Pharaoh (10 plagues):

Exodus 8:8 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron and said, "Entreat the LORD that He remove the frogs from me and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may sacrifice to the LORD." Exodus 8:15 But when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he hardened his heart and did not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

Lots wife (Sodom and Gomorrah):

Genesis 19:16 But he (Lot) hesitated. So the men (angels) seized his hand and the hand of his wife and the hands of his two daughters, for the compassion of the LORD was upon him; and they brought him out, and put him outside the city.

Genesis 19:17Escape for your life! Do not look behind you... escape to the mountains, lest you be swept away.

Genesis 19:26 But his wife, from behind him, looked back; and she became a pillar of salt. **Move forward. Don't look or go back**

Balaam (Prophet of God)

Numbers 22:34 And Balaam (Prophet) said to the angel of the LORD, "I have sinned, for I did not know that you were standing in the way against me. Now then, if it is displeasing to you, I will turn back."

Numbers 31:8 And they killed the kings of Midian... they also killed Balaam the son of Beor with the sword.

Demas (fellow-laborer with the Apostle Paul).

2nd Timothy 4:10 for Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica

Hebrews 6:6 (believers) and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God, and put Him to open shame.

Hebrews 6:9 But, beloved, we are convinced of better things concerning you...

I am most always shocked when men in this program leave and go back into their sinful life.

You are in this program to get it right. Some of you, maybe for the first time in your life. With Jesus you can get it right, you can do it!!

I am so thankful that Jesus has made a way for you and I to receive forgiveness and eternal life. Thank you Jesus! Aren't you thankful?