

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

THE DOCTRINES OF THE BIBLE

Titus 2:1 But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:

Study 15

REPENTANCE

This topic is one of the most frustrating topics in our day and age. Many people, especially preachers, totally misunderstand the meaning and application of repentance. We need a clear and proper understanding from the Bible or our theology will be incorrect and even heresy!

1) REPENT DEFINED.

According to the definition in the Strong's Exhaustive Concordance 5162 nacham (naw-kham'); a primitive root; properly, to sigh, i.e. breathe strongly; by implication, to be sorry, i.e. (in a favorable sense) to pity, console or (reflexively) rue (regret); or (unfavorably) to avenge (oneself).

According to the American Dictionary of the English Language~ Noah Webster 1828 1. To feel pain, sorrow or regret for something done or spoken... A person repents of only what he himself has done or said. 2. To change the mind in consequence of the inconvenience or injury done by past conduct.

Repentance is a change of mind, or a conversion from sin to God (for both saved and unsaved)

To sum up the definitions and put them in simple terms would be REPENT means to be sorry about an action and to change one's mind concerning that action which results in a change of action. This is a turning (around).

2) CONCERNING BIBLICAL APPLICATIONS IT IS IMPORTANT TO SEE THE PASSAGE IN CONTEXT.

Repentance is a teaching that covers a lot of different context. In Scripture, repent (or a form of the word) is referring to many different situations. It doesn't automatically apply to a lost person getting saved.

A. There are exactly 105 verses in the Bible with the word REPENT, REPENTANCE, REPENTED, REPENTEST, REPENTETH, REPENTING, or REPENTINGS somewhere in these verses.

B. Of these verses, God REPENTS or WILL NOT REPENT in 37 verses. (35%)

C. Of these verses, the subject of a Christian or a person REPENTING or NOT REPENTING of sin or something that happened appears in 32 verses. (30.5%)

D. Of these verses, the subject of REPENTING or NOT REPENTING in order to be saved from Hell appears in 36 verses. (34.5%)

E. There is 1 verse where the subject is REPENTING for salvation and REPENTING to get right with God is in the same verse.

F. 65.5% of the time the doctrine of repentance is used in the Bible it doesn't refer to a lost person getting saved.

3) THE CHRISTIAN SHOULD HAVE AN ATTITUDE OF REPENTANCE WHEN GOD CONVICTS HIM OF HIS SIN.

Job 42:6 Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.

4) A NATION, PEOPLES, CAN CHANGE THE MIND OF GOD CONCERNING HOW GOD TREATS THEM.

Jeremiah 18:5 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

6 O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel.

7 At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy it;

8 If that nation, against whom I have pronounced, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them.

9 And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it;

10 If it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them.

5) CHRISTIANS SHOULD HAVE AN ATTITUDE OF REPENTANCE/OBEDIENCE WHEN COMING TO GOD'S HOUSE.

Jeremiah 26:2 Thus saith the LORD; Stand in the court of the LORD'S house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the LORD'S house, all the words that I command thee to speak unto them; diminish not a word:

3 If so be they will hearken, and turn every man from his evil way, that I may repent me of the evil, which I purpose to do unto them because of the evil of their doings.

4 And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD; If ye will not hearken to me, to walk in my law, which I have set before you,

5 To hearken to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I sent unto you, both rising up early, and sending them, but ye have not hearkened;

6 Then will I make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth.

12 Then spake Jeremiah unto all the princes and to all the people, saying, The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that ye have heard.

13 Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the LORD your God; and the LORD will repent him of the evil that he hath pronounced against you.

6) CHRISTIANS SHOULD REPENT OF ANY IDOLS IN OUR LIVES.

Ezekiel 14:6 Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations.

7 For every one of the house of Israel, or of the stranger that sojourneth in Israel, which separateth himself from me, and setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to a prophet to enquire of him concerning me; I the LORD will answer him by myself:

8 And I will set my face against that man, and will make him a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of my people; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

7) WE NEED TO REPENT OF OUR SINS OR OUR SINS WILL BE OUR RUIN.

Ezekiel 18:30 ¶ Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

8) UNSAVED PEOPLE NEED TO REPENT BECAUSE HEAVEN IS AT HAND.

Matthew 3:1 ¶ In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,

2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

9) AN UNSAVED PERSON ONLY NEEDS TO REPENT AND BELIEVE THE GOSPEL TO BE SAVED.

Mark 1:14 ¶ Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,

15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

10) BIBLICAL REPENTANCE WILL KEEP ONE FROM PERISHING.

Luke 13:3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

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11) WE SHOULD GIVE PEOPLE A CHANCE TO REPENT ONCE THEY HAVE WRONGED US.

Luke 17:3 Take heed to yourselves: If thy brother trespass against thee, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him.

4 And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to thee, saying, I repent; thou shalt forgive him.

12) REPENTANCE, A CHANGE OF MIND ABOUT WHO OR WHAT YOU ARE TRUSTING IN, IS NECESSARY TO BE SAVED.

Acts 3:19 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 20:21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

NEVER does the Word of God say that a person needs to repent of all their sins in order to be saved. This is IMPOSSIBLE to do!

CONVERTED, pp. Turned or changed from one substance or state to another; turned from one religion or sect to another; changed from a state of sin to a state of holiness; applied to a particular use; appropriated.

Concerning getting saved, one needs to be turned or changed from whatever they are trusting in to get to Heaven and trust Jesus alone to get to Heaven. Concerning a child of God who has left the will of God or who has fallen into sin, they need to be turned or changed from the way they are living.

Luke 22:31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:

32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

13) NOW THAT JESUS HAS COME, GOD COMMANDS ALL MEN EVERYWHERE TO REPENT.

Acts 17:29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

Before Jesus came, God overlooked some things (winked at) but now, we have no excuse.

14) ONCE A PERSON TRULY GETS SAVED, THEY SHOULD LIVE DIFFERENTLY.

Acts 26:20 But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

Matthew 3:8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:

Nobody is ever saved by works but we should do works that are meet (suitable) for one who has truly gotten saved.

Titus 3:4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

15) SOMETIMES GOD CALLS CHURCHES TO REPENT, TO GET RIGHT WITH HIM.

Revelation 2:1 ¶ Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;

2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:

3 And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.

4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

16) GOD WILL GIVE US SPACE (TIME) TO REPENT.

Revelations 2:20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.

17) GOD WANTS US TO REPENT BECAUSE HE LOVES US.

Revelation 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

18) JESUS HAS JOY OVER ONE LOST SOUL WHO GETS SAVED.

Luke 15:3 And he spake this parable unto them, saying,

4 What man of you, having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it?

5 And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing.

6 And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost.

7 I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

19) THE BAPTISM OF REPENTANCE IS DONE BECAUSE ONE BELIEVES ON JESUS FOR SALVATION.

Acts 19:4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

Water baptism does not save anyone!

20) THE GOODNESS OF GOD LEADS US TO REPENTANCE.

Romans 2:4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

21) SORROW IS A BIG PART OF REPENTANCE.

2 Corinthians 7:9 Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing.

10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

22) ACKNOWLEDGING THE TRUTH WILL HELP IN REPENTANCE.

2 Timothy 2:25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

23) GOD WANTS EVERYONE TO REPENT– BE SAVED.

2 Peter 3:9 ¶ The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

24) PRIDE KEEPS ONE FROM REPENTING.

Matthew 21:32 For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him.