

## Meaning of Repentance:

What is repentance unto life? *Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, does, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from sin to God, with full purpose endeavor after new obedience.*

**Daniel 4:27** Therefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable to you: **break off your sins by practicing righteousness, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the oppressed**, that there may perhaps be a lengthening of your prosperity." or "break off your sins and show the reality of your repentance by righteousness (right standing with God and moral and spiritual rectitude and rightness in every area and relation)" (AMP)

**Acts 8:22** "Repent, therefore, of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord that, if possible, the intent of your heart may be forgiven you."

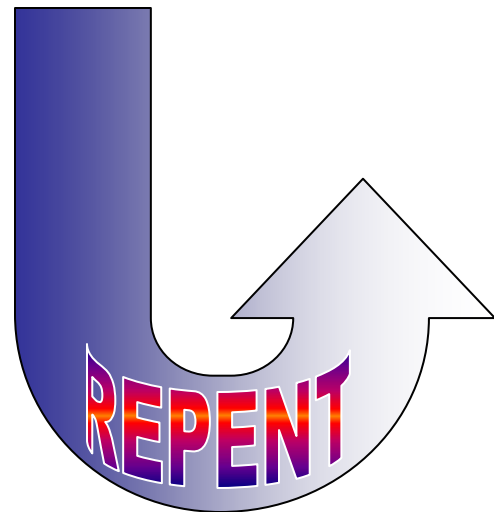
**Acts 26:18,20** "to open their eyes, so that they may **turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God**, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me... <sup>20</sup>repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance."

**Acts 14:15** "we bring you good news, that you should **turn from these vain things to a living God**"

**2 Corinthians 7:10-11** "For **godly grief produces a repentance** that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death. <sup>11</sup>For see what **earnestness** this godly grief has produced in you, but also what **eagerness** to clear yourselves, what **indignation**, what fear, what longing, what **zeal**, what punishment! At every point you have proved yourselves innocent in the matter." *Fully purpose to hate sin and love God.*

## Repentance is Central to the Gospel Message:

- **Mark 1:14-15** "Jesus came into Galilee, **proclaiming the gospel** of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; **repent** and believe in the gospel.'"
- **Matthew 4:17** "From that time on Jesus began to preach, saying, '**Repent**, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'" *Repentance is the substance of Jesus' message.*
- **Acts 14:15** "we bring you **good news**, that you should **turn** from these vain things to a living God"
- **Acts 3:19** "**Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out**, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord"
- **Hebrews 6:1** "Therefore let us leave the **elementary doctrine of Christ** and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of **repentance** from dead works and of faith toward God" *Repentance is foundational.*
- **Isaiah 30:15** "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, but you would have none of it.'" (NIV)
- **Luke 13:5** "but **unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.**" *Read also the parable that follows.*
- **Acts 20:20-21** "I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ." *Repentance is the profitable teaching that Paul taught publicly and privately.*
- **Acts 2:37-39** "Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?' And Peter said to them, 'Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.'" *Repentance was Peter's message on Pentecost to those in whom the Spirit was working.*
- **Acts 17:30** "The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent." *Repentance is a command of God.*

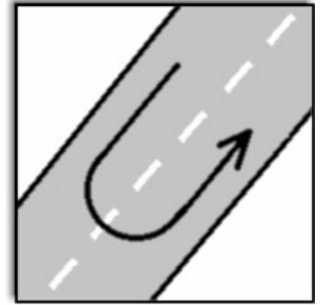


## **Repentance is a gift of God:**

**Acts 11:18** “Then to the Gentiles also **God has granted repentance** that leads to life.”

**2 Timothy 2:25** “Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that **God will grant them repentance** leading them to a knowledge of the truth”

**Acts 5:31** “God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to **give repentance** to Israel and forgiveness of sins.” *Jesus gives repentance. Jesus is God.*



**Romans 2:4** “God's kindness leads you toward repentance”

**John 6:44,65** “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day... <sup>65</sup>And he said, ‘This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.’”

**Matthew 11:25-27** “At that time Jesus declared, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.’”

**1 Peter 2:9** “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who **called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.**”

### **What is effectual calling?**

*Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit,<sup>1</sup> whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery,<sup>2</sup> enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ,<sup>3</sup> and renewing our wills,<sup>4</sup> he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.<sup>5</sup>*

1. **2 Timothy 1:8-9.** Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.  
**Ephesians 1:18-20.** The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places.
2. **Acts 2:37.** Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?
3. **Acts 26:18.** To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.
4. **Ezekiel 11:19.** And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh.  
**Ezekiel 36:26-27.** A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.
5. **John 6:44-45.** No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.  
**Philippians 2:13.** For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.  
**Deuteronomy 30:6.** And the Lord thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.  
**Ephesians 2:5.** Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved).