

True Repentance

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What is True Repentance?

2 Peter 3:9 : The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. What does God want; does he want people to perish?

Luke 13:3 :I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. How many choices are there?

Acts 17:30-31 In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. 31For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead.” Is ignorance an excuse?

Acts 26:19-20 :So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven. First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and to the Gentiles also, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds. How can you tell if someone has repented?

Corinthians 7:10-11 :Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. See what this godly sorrow has produced in you: what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done. At every point you have proved yourselves to be innocent in this matter. What sort of attitude does a truly repentant person have? What does it mean to have proved your self at every point

Mark 9:42-43 :And if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around his neck. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. How radical must we be with sin?

Acts 3:19 :Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, What happens after you repent according to this verse? Therefore is repentance a bad this to do?

Acts 2:36-41 :”Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” 7When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” Peter replied, “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. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. What does it mean to be cut to the heart? What do you need to do now? Repentance involves three things

1. A decision that leads to a radical behavior change
2. Godly sorrow that makes you eager, not reluctant to do God’s will
3. A Godly, radical attitude towards sin