

# Repentance

## GET STARTED:

Far from being bad or unusual, biblical repentance is the norm for gospel-centered living. **Becoming more aware of God's holiness and our sinfulness leads us to repent and believe the gospel of Jesus.** We are constantly turning from our performing and pretending so that we may live as sons and daughters.

**Biblical repentance** frees us from our own devices and makes a way for the power of the gospel to bear fruit in our lives. But **sin taints our repentance and robs us of its fruit.**

## LIFE TRANSFORMATION:

1) expose the ways in which we practice counterfeit repentance 2) move us toward genuine repentance.

**Full Definition of "repentance":** a God-given newness of mind, new way of thinking, and new attitude toward life & God that causes a change in action.

2 Corinthians 7:5–13.

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2 KINDS OF SORROW: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

**WARNING ::** \_\_\_\_\_

*Jesus' first words in the Gospel of Mark are,  
"Repent and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15).*

As we have seen, the consistent pattern of the Christian lifestyle is repentance and faith.

We never stop needing to repent and believe.

*Jesus teaches disciples to pray " Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who've sinned against us..."*

*Didn't Jesus say, "Out of the overflow of [the] heart [the] mouth speaks" (Luke 6:45)?*

In true repentance, we :

- **Confess our tendency ...**
- **We pull our affections away ...**
- **Turn to Jesus ...**

## FALSE REPENTANCE:

Look for 2 patterns in our dealings with sin. \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

The gospel calls us to (& empowers us for)

## 4 ASPECTS OF TRUE REPENTANCE:

- is oriented toward God, not Me.

*Psalm 51:4: “Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight....”*

- is motivated by true Godly sorrow and not just selfish regret.

*2 Corinthians 7:10: “For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly sorrow produces death.”*

- is concerned w/the heart, not just w/ external actions.

*Psalm 51:10: “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me” (ESV).*

- looks to Jesus for deliverance from the penalty & **power** of sin.

*Acts 3:19–20: “Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.”*

## TAKE ACTION

Instead of excusing our sin or falling into patterns of remorse & resolution, true gospel repentance moves us to :

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Recognizing that **sin is a condition**, not just a behavior, true repentance is must become a lifestyle, **not just an occasional practice**.

*“Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent” (Rev. 3:19).*

I recognize my need to make true repentance a lifestyle & **will start /continue that pattern today**.

I recognize that I've never **truly repented** before God for my sin & **need to do so today & be saved**.

I recognize my tendency toward counterfeit repentance and will **let God transform the way I repent**.

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