

Repentance

- I. **Introduction** : This lesson highlights the importance of Biblical REPENTANCE in Salvation.
 - A. The words faith/believe/belief appear over 80X in the Gospel of John
 - B. Repent/Repentance does not appear in the Gospel of John. A person reading John only may get the erroneous perception that REPENTANCE is not important.
 - C. However, Repent/Repentance appears 46X in the NT with repetitive strong emphasis.
 - D. A believer must read the entire Bible in order to get the full, comprehensive teaching (doctrine) of God’s Word.
- II. **Consider a sample of verses** that include references of Repent/Repentance

Ref.	Repentance		Faith/Belief
Mat.4:17	“Repent...” (imperative)	J.3:16	Whosoever believeth..”
Mark 1:15	“Repent...” (Imperative)	-----	“...believe the Gospel”
Lu.5:31-32	“call sinners unto repentance.”	J 3:18	“He that believeth in Him...”
Lu. 13:3,5	“except ye repent...perish.”	J 3:36	“He that believeth in the Son...”
Lu 24:47	“That repentance & remission..”	J 5:24	“Believeth in Him that sent me...”
Acts 2:37,38	“Repent and be baptized”	J 6:47	“He that believeth in me...”
Acts 3:19	“Repent and be converted.”	J 11:25	“He that believeth in me...”
Acts 11:18	“God granted repentance.”	Eph 3:8,9	“Saved through FAITH...”
.Acts 20:21	“repentance toward God”	-----	& faith in the Lord Jesus Christ
II Cor. 7:10	“Godly sorrow worketh repentance..”	Acts 16:31	“Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ...”
II Pet. 3:9	“but that all should come to “R”	Ro.10:9	“That if thou shalt believe...”

- III. **Proper interpretation** of these texts reveal that both repentance and faith are required for salvation. There is no true biblical Faith without Repentance and there is no true biblical Repentance without Faith.

IV. What is the meaning of Repentance?

- A. The Greek word is **μετάνοια**
- B. The Transliteration is METANOIA
- C. The translation of the meaning of the word is as follows: The word is a compound word.
 1. META is a preposition meaning AFTER..
 2. NOIA has as a stem noun NOUS, meaning the MIND.
 3. Therefore, the idea is AFTER – THINKING.. or, on second thought. Or, finally a CHANGE of MIND...A Radically altered change of thinking pattern.
- D. Consider the thoughts as shown in the table below when compared before salvation and after salvation

Before Salvation	Repentance	Result of Repentance
Whatever a person’s	Would mean a total radical CHANGE in a	A godly sorrow that a

<p>thoughts were regarding</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The world system 2. Religion 3. God 4. Bible 5. Christ 6. Himself 7. Salvation 8. His activities (sins) 9. Morality 10. His righteousness 11. His eternal destiny 12. Etc... 	<p>person's outlook, view and perspective in ALL of these areas and align his thinking along the truths as proclaimed in the Scripture.</p> <p>In essence, an acknowledgment is demanded that the person has BEEN WRONG, and I want to get my views aligned with God's ways. (saying the same things as God) We are not talking just about individual sins, but the entire "godlessness" of the person's life. Please keep in mind, even a person who graduated from a New England FINISHING SCHOOL is living a GODLESS life without Christ and is in NEED of REPENTANCE.</p>	<p>HOLY God has been offended. A cry for forgiveness and removal of guilt. A plea for <u>rescue</u> from the Wrath of God because of the person's life long disobedience.</p>
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V. Final thoughts about repentance.

- A. It is a radical change in a **person's thinking**. It requires a RENEWING of the MIND (Ro. 12:2)
- B. It involved the entire **volitional capacity** of the person.
- C. It requires **emotional capitulation** to the TRUTH Principles in the Bible. A subordination of the feeling aspects to the objective propositional truths as revealed by our Eternal God.

VI. Consider these failed attempts at BELIEF in the Bible. What went wrong?

- A. The many people who "believed" in Christ in John 2:23-25
- B. Simon Magus who believed and was baptized in Acts 8:9-23.
- C. Paul's warning that their belief may have been "IN VAIN." (I Cor. 15:2)

VII. Conclusion: Genuine repentance demands total change of mind, will, emotion without any hesitation, reservation, (holding back that cherished part of life which wants to cling)

VIII. John 1:29..The LAMB of GOD, which taketh away the SIN (singular) of the world.

UNBELIEF!!

IX. ἐπιστρέφω. Epistrephō. Convert, Conversion, Return, Turn (I Thess 1:9) and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;

X. Acts 3:19 μετανοέω καί ἐπιστρέφω.. Therefore, repent (Change mind) and be converted (turned).

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