

## Repentance—Turning Back to God: *The Radical Change of the Child of God*

Various Passages including Psalm 51 and 2 Corinthians 7:8–12 – Dr. James A. Long, Jr.

Let's take a tour...

1. Is *Repentance* a New Testament concept? (Matthew 3:1, 8; 4:17; 9:13; Mark 1:14; 2:17; 6:12; Luke 5:31; 13:2; 15:7, 10; 16:29; 24:46; Acts 2:38; 3:14-19; 11:18; 17:30; 20:21; 26:19-20; Romans 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9; Revelation 2:5, 16, 21-22, 3:3, 19)
2. True repentance includes?
  - a. Confession
  - b. Change
    - i. In your mind (intellectual)
    - ii. In your desires (emotional)
    - iii. In your will and actions (volitional)
3. What are the two strategies for dealing with sin? (Proverbs 28:13)
  - a. Conceal
  - b. Confess: To say the same thing as another or to agree with another
4. Why are we supposed to seek God's forgiveness, if we have already been declared righteous? Are believers called to repent and ask for God's forgiveness?
  - a. Because we sin daily...we should repent daily.
  - b. Repentance is an Attitude and Action that must be repeated throughout the Christian's life on earth
5. What is the difference between false repentance (attrition) and true repentance (contrition)?
  - a. Attrition – false repentance (remorse, self-reproach, and sorrow for sin) motivated by fear of punishment without any wish or resolve to forsake sinning
  - b. Contrition – true godly repentance motivated by godly remorse
6. Does true repentance nullify all of the consequences for our sin?
  - a. God promises to deal mercifully with those who confess and forsake their sins.
  - b. However, there is no promise in Scripture that God's forgiveness will eradicate *all* the consequences of our sin.
7. To whom do we confess?
  - a. All sin is confessed to God
  - b. Sin may be also confessed to others:
    - i. When we are seeking help from stronger, more mature Christians (Gal. 6:2)
    - ii. When we confess an offense to someone whom we have sinned against, in order to seek their forgiveness.
8. How do I repent?
  - a. To confess your sin, you must first see your sin
  - b. Your confession of sin must flow from Godly sorrow
  - c. When you confess your sin, stop passing blame and get specific<sup>1</sup>
9. When was the last time you truly repented of your sins?

**Learning about Him more deeply → Loving Him more dearly → Living like Him more determinedly**

**Is that your passion today?**

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<sup>1</sup> Mack, Wayne, Fear Factor, page 119f