

## Hebrews 6:1 Part one **Repentance from dead works,**

### Hebrews 6:1 - 2

- 1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of **repentance from dead works**, and of faith toward God,
- 2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

From Zondervan's "Pictotal Bible Dictionary" we find this on Repentance

**REPENTANCE** (*re-pen'tans*. Heb. *naham, shuv*, Gr. *metalloeo, metame[omai]*). The two Greek words translated "repent" in the English Bible suggest the basic meaning of the word. *Metanioa* (Acts 2:38; Rom. 2:4) connotes a **change of mind** with regard to sin, a sorrow for sin which primarily is intellectual in nature; while *metameleia* connotes a **change of soul**, a sorrow that leads to turning away from sin (Matt. 27:3; II Cor. 7:9,10).

**The meaning of both words leads to defining repentance as that divinely wrought conviction of sin in the heart that the soul is guilty before God**, and a resolute turning away from sin in which the sinner identifies himself with the gracious act of God in redeeming him.

**Repentance involves both a change of mind about sin, and a change of heart, attitude toward sin.** It is at the time a rejection of sin and an acceptance of the Holy Spirit's ability to enable us to live a holy life.

Repentance may be viewed from both a divine and human perspective. God is said to be the author of repentance (Acts 4: 31) in that **it is through the regeneration wrought by the Holy Spirit that man is led to a understanding of his sinfulness and to a rebellion against it as a way of life.** In his sinful nature, man cannot repent; however, through the *illuminating* work of the Holy Spirit he is led to see himself as a

sinner in rebellion against God, and as evil in nature. Hence man's repentance is always preceded by God's illuminating activity.

**Repentance is always combined with faith, however, and man must act, once he understands grace. Where there is true faith there will always be true repentance; and conversely, where there is not true repentance there can never be true faith.**

**Repentance is necessary to salvation.** Jesus asserted that it was a necessary condition (Matt. 3: 2,8; 4: 17), while both Paul and Peter identified it with true salvation (Acts 20:21; II Pet. 3:9).

There are two aspects of repentance: the act of repenting, and the state of sorrow and regret. The act of repenting involves sorrow for both the fact of sin and the acts of sin in the life of the sinner. It causes the conviction of sin and resolution to change. The act of repentance, however, leads to the state of **sorrow and regret** in which the whole nature of man is changed so that he becomes identified with the grace of God, living in hatred of sin, with continual rejection of sin in his life.

### **Acts 2:37 - 38**

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?

8 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

### **Hebrews 9:14**

14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, **who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?**

### **Ezekiel 18:30 -32**

30 Therefore **I will judge you**, O house of Israel, **every one according to his ways**, saith the Lord GOD. **Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions**; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

31 Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; **and make you a new heart and a new spirit**: for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

32 For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: **wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.**

### **Matthew 3:1 - 8**

1 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,

2 And saying, **Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**

3 For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

4 And the same John had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his meat was locusts and wild honey.

5 Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan,

6 And were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins.

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

**8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:**

### **The Right Attitude**

#### **Luke 19:8 - 10**

8 And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord: Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.

9 And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham.

10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.



## **Matthew 21:28 - 32**

28 But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard.

29 He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went.

30 And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not.

31 Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, **That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.**

32 For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: **but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him.**

## **Acts 3:19**

19 **Repent ye therefore, and be converted**, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

## **Acts 26:20**

20 But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, **that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.**

## **Made Alive in Christ**

### **Ephesians 2:1 - 5**

1 And you hath he quickened, **who were dead in trespasses and sins;**

2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

### **Galatians 5:19 - 21**

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

### **Ephesians 2:8 - 10**

8 **For by grace are ye saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

9 **Not of works, lest any man should boast.**

10 **For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works**, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.