

## Lessons in Salvation -- Lesson 4 "What Is Repentance? Why Is It Important?"

### Introduction:

The Westminster Shorter Catechism says this about repentance:

**Question 87** What is repentance unto life?

**Answer:** Repentance until life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.

**Read these passages at least five times then answer the questions as best you can:**

<sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." (Mat 4:17 NKJ)

<sup>30</sup> And their scribes and the Pharisees complained against His disciples, saying, "Why do You eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>31</sup> Jesus answered and said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>32</sup> "I have not come to call *the* righteous, but sinners, to repentance." (Luk 5:30-32 NKJ)

<sup>10</sup> For godly sorrow produces repentance *leading* to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death. (2Co 7:10 NKJ)

8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1Jo 1:8-9 NKJ)

From reading these passages, define "repent" or "repentance."

Why did Jesus call men to repentance?

What is the required to enter the Kingdom of God?

What kind of people did Jesus spend time with? Why did He do that?

Define false repentance. What does it look like? What are its results?

When a man repents and turns to Christ, does he live a perfect life? Explain.