



## BOOK 02 – CHAPTER 02 – STUDY 02

### Repentance A Complete Change of Direction

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## Repentance in the bible:

Repentance throughout the Bible is a summons to a personal, absolute, and ultimate unconditional surrender to God as Sovereign. Though it includes sorrow and regret, it is more than that. ... In repenting, one makes a complete change of direction (180° turn) toward God.

**John the Baptist preached repentance.**

**Matt 3:1-2 (KJV)** 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.

Also found in, **Mark 1:4, Luke 3:3**

**Christ preached repentance**

**Mat 4:17 (KJV)** From that time Christ began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

**The apostles preached repentance**

**Mark 6:12 (KJV)** And they went out, and preached that men should repent.

**We are commanded to repent**

**Acts 17:30 (KJV)** And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:

Also found in, **Mark 1:15, Acts 2:38**

**We must repent to be converted.**

**Acts 3:19 (KJV)** 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;

**If we repent our sins may be blotted out**

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We must repent and be baptized in order to receive remission of sins. In other words, we will receive remission for our sins, “if” or “as long as” we repent and are baptized.

**Acts 2:38 (KJV)** Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Repentance alone does not give us remission of sins.

**Acts 2:38 (KJV)** Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

If we don’t repent, we will not receive salvation

**Luke 13:3 (KJV)** I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Also found in, **Luke 13:5, Revelation 2:16, Rev 2:22, Rev 3:3**

Repentance comes before conversion.

**Acts 3:19 (KJV)** 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;

**2 Cor 7:10 (KJV)** For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

Repentance comes before works

**Acts 26:20 (KJV)** 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.

Repentance does not come alone, there are other things God requires of us in order to show repentance.

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**Let's now compare it to John Doe and see how his salvation looks! All we are looking for is to see whether he is going to be short of salvation or not. This is what we have so for John Doe: Check mark only the ones that you can verify with scriptures as we go. And add any that he might have missed. Bring your check marks over from prior studies.**

- ✓ He believes Christ is the Son of God.
- ✓ He believes Christ died for all our past sins.
- ✓ He believes Christ resurrected 3 days later.
- ✓ He believes that Christ is sitting on the right-hand side of the Father interceding for us!
- ✓ He confessed Christ as Lord and Savior (Through sinner's prayer).
- ✓ He confessed himself as a sinner (Through sinner's prayer).
- ✓ He repented of his sins. (Let us just say he truly repented when he believed!)
- ✓ He asked for forgiveness (Through sinner's prayer).
- ✓ He called upon the Lord into his life (Through sinner's prayer).
- ✓ He was baptized as a baby, by sprinkle!

**These are the things that are questionable in John Doe's walk, so you must decide whether he has covered that area or not.**

- He must believe that Christ is the “only begotten” Son of God. **John 3:18, Acts 8:37.**
- He must believe in the Son and the Father. **John 5:24, John 6:47.**
- He must believe that God the Father raised Christ from the dead. **Rom 10:9, 1 Thes 4:14.**
- We have learned that the scriptures actually tell us that our salvation is nearer the moment we believe, and because we believe that Christ is the only begotten Son of God and believe in the name of the son of God, and believe in the Father as well as the Son, we become sealed with God's promise of salvation until the day we are saved!**
- We also see that Baptism may be as important as believing **Mark 16:16.**

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## **This opens more questions.**

- ✚ Is baptism Necessary for salvation?
- ✚ ~~Is repentance the same as a change of mind, or something deeper?~~
- ✚ If we need to be baptized, does it have to be with water?
- ✚ Does Baptism have a purpose and a meaning or is it really just an outward expression of faith?
- ✚ Do we have to be baptized in the correct way?
- ✚ Are works needed to show repentance?
- ✚ Are works needed for salvation?
- ✚ We must repent to be converted. Acts 3:19, what is conversion?

**Notes:** Bring your check marks over from prior studies.

- By believing, **John Doe is not saved** ONLY NEARER to salvation and has been sealed with God's promise of salvation until all of God's conditions are met! **Rom 13:11, Eph 1:30, Eph 4:30.**
- By repenting, JD is being obedient to God. **Mark 1:15, Acts 2:38**
- If we don't repent, we will not receive salvation. **Luke 13:3, Luke 13:5, Revelation 2:16, Rev 2:22, Rev 3:3**

## Do you agree, yes or no?



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