



# Repentance – Keep The Change

# **I. Repentance – The Hardest Command**

# In honest hearts . . .

1. Belief comes easier than unbelief
  - a. Overwhelming evidence
  - b. All eventually believe
2. Most do not want to repent, Ro.2:5

**Saul: 1 Sm.15:23**

**Stubbornness**

**Rebellion**

**EQUAL**

**1 Sm.28:3**

**Mediums**

**Soothsayers**

# Repentance requires changes . . .

1. Lifetime of fruit-bearing
2. Giving up all that is wrong
3. Giving in to will of Another
4. Taking on responsibility to do right

**KEEP THE CHANGE!**

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**II. What Repentance Is Not**

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- Prayer. Pr.28:9; 1 Pt.3:12.
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No real  
change

- Remorse, v.3
- Regret (2 Co.7)
  - Very sorry
- Feel sad about

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Exposure of sin

Embarrassment of sin

Expense of sin

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- Conviction. Ac.2:37.
- Sorrow. 2 Co.7:8-10.
- Nature. 2 Pt.2:14.
- Determination. Rv.9:20-21.



## Revelation 9:20-21

<sup>20</sup>But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk. <sup>21</sup>And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts

- “Not repent” = live in, Col.3:5-7
- Lk.19:...8, true repentance

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# Repentance is

- Change + mind – a mental act
- Resolve to <sup>1</sup>stop sin, <sup>2</sup>serve God
- Mal.4:5-6, turn back, return before judgment comes. Lk.1:17, turn...

**Judgment**  
Mal.4:5-6

**Hearts**  
(Lk.1:17)

**Turn back**  
Mal 4:6

**Mt.21:29**

**I will NOT**

**I WILL**

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**IV. What Causes Repentance?**

# Mystical act of God?

If so . . .

1. Why do not **all** repent (2 Pt.3:9)?
2. Why command **us** to repent (Ac.17:30)?

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  - Illustrated: Mt.12:41

The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented **at** **the preaching of Jonah**; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here

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At Judgment: Ninevites stand side by side with this generation; their repentance will condemn impenitent Jews.

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- 2. Goodness of God, Ro.2:4-5 (Ps.52:1)**



# Repentance

- Change of mind – mental act: resolves to <sup>1</sup>stop sin, <sup>2</sup>serve God
- Produced by godly sorrow
- Produces spiritual fruit (change of ways)

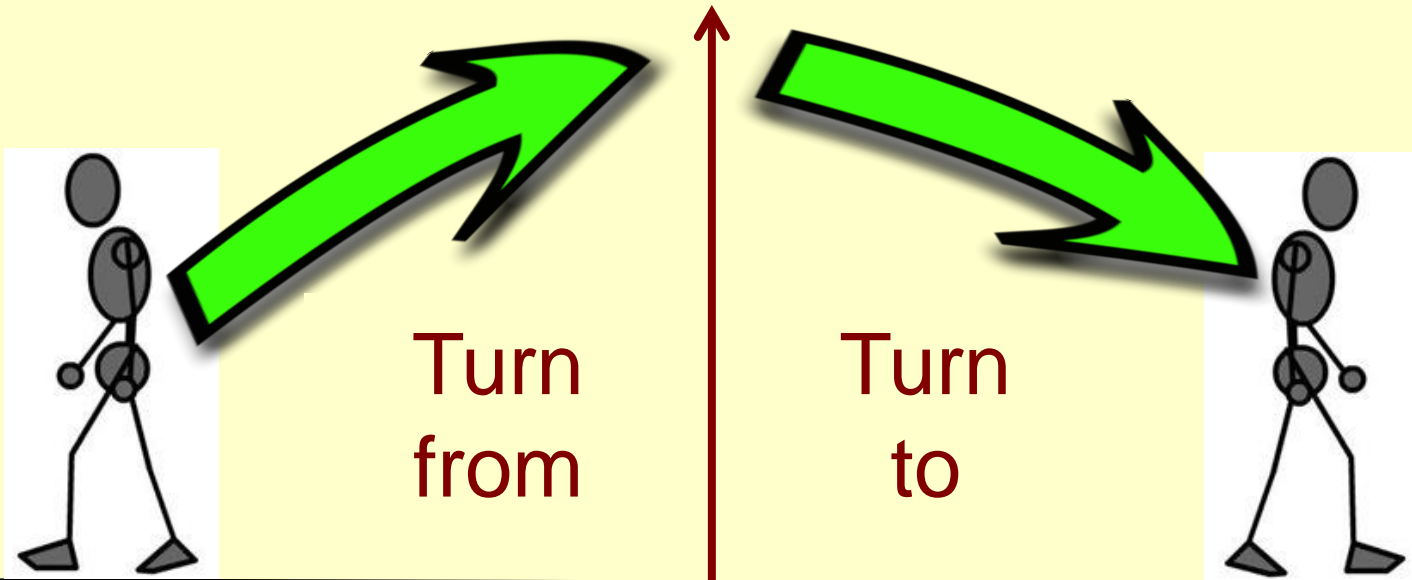


Lk.3:7-9 . . .3,8, repent . . . 10-14

Lk.15:18-19 . .17-18 . . . . . 20-21

Ep.1-3 . . . 4:17-24 . . . . .25-32

# 1 Th.1:9



Sin  
Satan  
Death

Turn  
from

Repentance

Turn  
to

Salvation  
Savior  
Life