



## **The Repentance Process**

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**Luke 24:44-47** Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." 45 And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. 46 Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, 47 and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Jesus then informs His disciples of three essential points.

Two of these points have already been fulfilled: Jesus Christ has suffered many things and has been raised from the dead.

However, the third necessity has yet to be realized in the way described in scripture. This is that repentance and the remission of sins should be preached to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem.

The Gospel of Repentance was what Jesus preached when He first came on the scene.

**Mark 1:14-15** Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Notice in the scripture, Jesus said to repent and believe.

*In verse 47 of our text scripture Jesus said “and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem”.*

Notice that not only should repentance and the remission of sin be preached, but they also had to preach who Jesus was, because we cannot preach in His name by faith without knowing who He is.

### **Repentance: More than just a One-Time Act**

Repentance in the New Testament always means to change one's mind in the original Greek, never to merely feel sorry.

The Greek word is *metanoéō* (from *metá*, "changed after being with" and *noiéō*, "think") – properly, "think differently after," "after a change of mind"; to *repent* (literally means, "to think differently afterwards").

So, repentance means to think differently after having an encounter with God.

Having the mind of Christ and thinking like God is not something that we are born with.



**Isaiah 55:8-9 For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. 9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.**

Since we are not born with it, it is our responsibility to adopt the mind of Christ.

**Philippians 2:5 "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus".**

It means more than just admiring who Christ is; it means actively striving to acquire his consciousness and perspective. Developing the "Mind of Christ" involves aligning one's thoughts, speech, attitudes, and actions with those of Jesus.

**Romans 12:1-2 (NLT) And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.**

Godly mind development starts with worship, and worship is all about submitting all that you are and all that you have to Christ Jesus.

To truly worship God, it must be done in spirit and in truth.

**John 4:23-24 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."**

True worship consists of, but is not necessarily limited to, the following verse.

**Colossians 3:16-17 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.**

To do this in a way that pleases the Lord, we need to change our attitude and behavior (The way we think).

**Romans 12:2 (NLT) Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.**

For this type of transformation, the following steps must be practiced regularly:

- Prayer, Dialog with God
- Meditation
- Hearing God's word
- Reading God's Word
- Adhering to His word
- Fellowshiping with like-minded believers.



**Romans 12:2 (Amplified Version) 2 Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs],**

The culture and customs of this world are designed to pull us and keep us from the transformative power of the Kingdom.

Many believers face significant challenges in embracing the godly principles of transformation due to the company they keep. Those around them do not uphold the customs of the Kingdom; rather, they engage in behaviors and express values that mirror the superficial standards of this world.

Consequently, believers are forced to compromise their own values to maintain relationships with these worldly associates, which directly obstructs the transformation of their minds. It is crucial for believers to recognize this detrimental influence and stand firm in their faith.

### **Understanding the Repentance Process**

Many people confuse repentance with the asking and embracing of forgiveness from God.

Many have confused godly sorrow with the process of repentance.

**2 Corinthians 7:10 For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted...**

Godly sorrow is a deep sense of remorse and grief over sin that is motivated by a desire to please God and align oneself with His will. It's not just about feeling bad for the consequences of one's actions, but rather a heartfelt sorrow for the offense caused to God and a desire to turn away from sin and toward Him. This type of sorrow leads to repentance and ultimately, salvation.

*Notice this type of sorrow leads to repentance, but it's not total repentance*

Godly sorrow leads to the process of repentance, which is the maturing of the soul.

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**Philippians 2:12-13 (NLT) ...Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. 13 For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.**

There is the act of repentance, which one does at the initial work of salvation. When one accepts the fact that they are lost and need a savior, and welcomes the desire to change, and allows God to start the process of transformation.

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Everyone born needs to repent (Go through the Repentance Process) so that their mind can be renewed.

**Romans 12:2 (AMP)...but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude]. so that you may prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you].**

What the scripture is saying here is that if we allow our minds to be renewed, we will gradually come to the realization that God's ways and thoughts are the most beneficial for our lives.