



The 7 Rs of the Repentance Process – Pt. 5 “Reconciliation”

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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.

What is repentance?

Repentance is not merely a one-time action; rather, it is an ongoing process that is crucial for individuals seeking to embody the mindset of Christ.

Repentance involves recognizing the need for a new perspective in certain aspects of life, which is crucial for personal growth and spiritual development.

The 7 R's of the Repentance Process:

- 1. Recognition**
- 2. Remorse & Forgiveness**
- 3. Remission of sins**
- 4. Refocusing**
- 5. Realignment and Repositioning**
- 6. Reconciliation**
- 7. Rewards**

Reconciliation

God reconciled us to Himself means that, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, humanity's broken relationship with God has been restored, allowing for a renewed connection based on the forgiveness of sins. This reconciliation was initiated by God and accomplished through Jesus, not by any merit of humans.

Believers are now considered God's friends and have been given the "ministry of reconciliation," a task to share this message of peace that God now has with humanity with others.

2 Corinthians 5:17-6:1 (NLT) This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! **18** And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. **19** For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. **20** So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"



Reconcile “The Greek verb (**katallasso**) means primarily to exchange, and hence to change the relation of hostile parties into a relation of peace.

Romans 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

(1) God moves toward people to break down their hostility, show them His love and holiness, and allow them to understand the seriousness and consequences of sin. This movement starts with God through the work of Jesus Christ. **19 For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself,**

(2) People respond by moving toward God; they accept Christ’s loving sacrifice, let go of their anger, shame, and condemnation, turn away from their sin, and come to God by faith by showing acts of obedience.

(3) We live by faith, which leads to a change in character: knowing their sins are forgiven, cleansed, and abolished; there begins a complete transformation in their attitudes and beliefs.

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(4) God also changes His relationship with people. He removes what caused His hostility, allowing Him to welcome them into a loving relationship and fellowship. They can share His character, “the Fruit of the Spirit” (**Galatians 5:22-23**) and Christ's inheritance.

The apostle Paul urged the church at Philippi, on how to think the Kingdom way.

Philippians 4:8-9 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy — meditate on these things. **9** The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

Ephesians 1:18-19 (ERV) I pray that God will open your minds to see his truth. Then you will know the hope that he has chosen us to have. You will know that the blessings God has promised his holy people are rich and glorious.

Romans 8:16-17 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, **17** and if children, then heirs — heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

The glory of Christ's inheritance is His image and His manifested riches.

2 Corinthians 5:21 For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

6:1 As God's partners, God shares His character and His manifested riches with us because we are his partners.

...we beg you not to accept this marvelous gift of God's kindness and then ignore it.



We ignore the gift of God when we don't take the opportunity to repent and have our minds renewed so they're permanent change can take place.

As change takes place, riches are bestowed.

Relationship vs. Fellowship

Relationship: This is the eternal, unshakeable union believers have with God through faith in Jesus Christ. It's a permanent state of belonging to God's family that cannot be dissolved by sin.

Fellowship: This refers to the ongoing, intimate communion, enjoyment, and shared life that believers have with God.

This dynamic experience is affected by one's actions. Through obedience, this peace, joy, and happiness continue to increase as we grow in the faith, favor, and grace of God.

Relational Reconciliation with God,

This is the original act of reconciliation that is done through the process of salvation.

Through the finished work of Jesus Christ, we are justified to stand righteously before Father God.

Reconcile to having the right Fellowship Restored.

We can have a continuous relationship with God but experience a broken fellowship with Him. Our relationship is a permanent, unbreakable union established through salvation.

Fellowship, on the other hand, refers to the enjoyment of that intimate communion with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and involves experiencing all the benefits promised as God's children.

The close fellowship and blessings from having this relationship can be disrupted by sin. When a believer consistently lives in sin, their connection with God remains, but their ability to deeply commune and experience the full extent of His blessings given at salvation is likely hindered until they confess and repent.

How Sin Affects Fellowship

Interruption, not loss: When a believer habitually sins, it does not sever their relationship with God. Instead, their sin creates a barrier to the full enjoyment of their fellowship.

Isaiah 59:1-2 Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. 2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.

Jeremiah 5:25 Your iniquities have turned these things away, And your sins have withheld good from you.

Restoring Fellowship:



The Bible emphasizes the importance of confession, teaching that believers should present their sins before God. This act of acknowledging one's sins, combined with the process of repentance, facilitates the restoration of fellowship with God.

The Key Steps in the Repentance Process:

1. **Recognition and Admission:** Acknowledge and admit the wrongdoings one has committed.
2. **Remorse and Request for Forgiveness:** Feel genuine sorrow for those actions and ask God for forgiveness.
3. **The Remission of Sin:** Allow the Holy Spirit to restore confidence in God's faithfulness, understanding that through grace, all sins have been forgiven and fellowship with God can be reinstated.
4. **Refocus on Righteous Living:** Shift focus toward how to live in accordance with God's truth and promises rather than dwelling on past mistakes.
5. **Realign thoughts, words, and actions:** Live intentionally and purposefully to align oneself with the truth of God's Word.