

5. REPENTANCE

Purpose

To help produce godly sorrow and transformation from a life of sin.

Introduction

In our last study, we looked at what our life looks like when we are living according to our sinful nature. Let's recap [Galatians 5](#) and read further to see the life that God calls us to. Repentance is a life transformation. We stop living according to our sinful nature and start living for God.

THE NEED FOR REPENTANCE

Luke 13:1-5

- » If we don't repent we will perish
- » The word repentance comes from the Greek word *Metanoia* which means to transform your thinking, which in turn will transform your life.

THE HEART OF REPENTANCE

2 Corinthians 7:10-11

- » **Godly sorrow brings repentance** - Genuine sorrow leads to transformation.
- » **Worldly sorrow brings death** - If we only "feel bad" but do not repent, it leads to the same destruction that we read about in [Mark 9](#).
- » **See what this godly sorrow has produced in you...**
 - Earnestness: Strong determination to get right with God.
 - Eagerness to clear yourself: Desire to be open and confess sin.
 - Indignation: Righteous anger directed at Satan and sin.
 - Alarm: Urgent fear of the danger that sin creates.
 - Longing: Deep craving for reconciliation with God and a pure heart.
 - Concern: For those whom sin hurts, including God.
 - Readiness to see justice done: Taking responsibility for sin. Willing to own the consequences and implications of actions.

Q: With the sin you have shared, what will repentance look like for you?

THE ACTIONS OF REPENTANCE

Mark 9:42-48

- » **If your hand causes you to sin...cut it off** - Jesus is radical about us dealing with sin.
- » **Better to have one eye than to be thrown into hell** - If we do not deal with our sin, we will be thrown into hell.

Acts 26:20

- » **Repent and turn to God** - Godly sorrow requires that we keep our eyes on God.
- » **Demonstrate their repentance by their deeds** - Repentance can be seen! The people around you should see a change in your behaviour as you repent.

THE JOY OF REPENTANCE

Acts 3:19

- » **Repent and turn to God that your sins might be wiped out** - God provides a solution for our sin when we repent...the Cross. We will study this out next time we meet together.
- » **Times of refreshing may come from the Lord** - When we deal with our sin the way that God teaches us, we will be refreshed.

Luke 15:3-7

- » **Rejoicing in heaven over one sinner that repents** - God is ecstatic about us repenting and reconciling our relationship with him.

FURTHER STUDY

<u>Acts 17:30-31</u>	God commands everyone to repent.
<u>2 Timothy 3:1-5</u>	Remove ourselves from those who live in sin.
<u>Romans 2:1-11</u>	God's kindness should lead us to repentance.
<u>1 John 1:5-10</u>	Live a life of openness.
<u>Titus 2:11-14</u>	The grace of God teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness.
<u>2 Peter 3:8-14</u>	The Lord want EVERYONE to come to repentance.
<u>Galatians 5:19-26</u>	The contrast to living according to the flesh is living by the Spirit.