

Repentance: The Art of Living at Peace with God

2 Corinthians 7:5-13
Acts 3:19-20

What is Repentance?

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The Motivation for Repentance:

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The Fruit of Repentance:

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A Lifestyle of Repentance:

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Additional Notes:

Small Group & Personal Bible Study Guide

Memory Verse: Acts 3:19

“Repent then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.”

Small Group Study Questions

1. How often must a person repent to be right with God?

Read & Meditate on all of Psalm 51 – This is David’s prayer of repentance after being confronted by the prophet Nathan about his sin of adultery with Bathsheba and his attempt to cover his sin. (The entire story is found in 2 Samuel 11 & 12)

2. Read Psalm 51:1-6. Who is David placing blame on for this sin? Why is it an important step to accept full and complete responsibility for our sin?

Psalm 51:10 Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

3. What is David asking from God in this part of his prayer? What does having a clean heart and being renewed in spirit have to do with repentance? Why is it an important step in repentance?

Psalm 51:11 Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

4. What is David asking God in this part of his prayer? Why would he fear being cast from the presence of God and having the Holy Spirit depart from him?

Psalm 51:12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me.

5. What is David asking God in this part of his prayer? Why is it important that we receive the joy that comes from salvation to overcome sin? Why is a willing spirit needed to be sustained by God?

Repentance (Greek word metanoeo) means to change ones mind.

6. Repentance is far more than acknowledging sin and asking God to forgive. Repentance is a change of mind that moves us to agree with God and allow Him to make the sin that entangles us become very distasteful in our lives. True repentance moves us to worship God with our lives. How does David demonstrate a change in his mind?
(See 1 Samuel 12:20-25 and Psalm 51:13-15)

Personal Daily Reading Plan

- Day 1 – 2 Samuel 11 (David’s Sin)
- Day 2 – 2 Samuel 12 (Nathan Confronts David)
- Day 3 – Psalm 51 (David’s Prayer of Repentance)
- Day 4 – Psalm 32 (David’s Testimony)
- Day 5 – Revelations 2:1-7 (A Warning to the Church to Repent and Return to God)