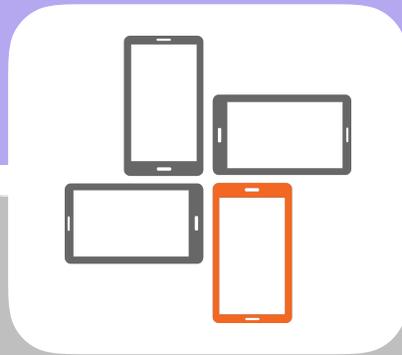


Repentance From Dead Works



virtual**DISCIPLEMAKER**

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(sin)



Definition: REPENT

[BDAG] **μετανοέω** (metanoēō) 1. change one's mind; 2. feel remorse, repent, be converted (in a variety of relationships and in connection with, varied responsibilities, moral, political, social or religious).

True repentance is a change of mind that produces godly actions.

^{NIV} **Acts 26:20** First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and to the Gentiles also, **I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds.**

God commands all people everywhere to repent.

^{NIV} **Acts 17:30,31** In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹ For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead."

God desires everyone to come to repentance

^{NIV} **2 Peter 3:9** The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, **not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.**

God initiates repentance

^{NIV} **Luke 5:32** **I have not come to call** the righteous, **but sinners to repentance.**

^{NIV} **Acts 11:18** When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, **God has granted even the Gentiles repentance unto life**"

How people are given opportunity to repent

^{NIV} **Romans 2:4** Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that **God's kindness leads you toward repentance?**

^{NIV} **Romans 5:8** But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (greatest act of kindness)

^{NIV} **2 Corinthians 7:8-10** Even if I caused you sorrow by my letter, I do not regret it. Though I did regret it-- I see that my letter hurt you, but only for a little while-- ⁹ yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because **your sorrow led you to repentance**. For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us. ¹⁰ **Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation** and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

^{NIV} **2 Timothy 2:25** Those who oppose him he **must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance** leading them to a knowledge of the truth,

We can hear God considers something sin and not repent.

^{NIV} **John 3:19,20** This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.

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Repentance leads to release from the penalty of sin. (Unbeliever)

Illustration: clean slate

^{NIV} **Mark 1:15** "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

Repentance leads to restored fellowship with God. (Believer)

Illustration: slate kept clean

^{NIV} **1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

^{NIV} **Revelation 2:5** Remember the height from which you have fallen! **Repent and do the things you did at first.** If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.