

## REPENTANCE

### Definitions:

#### HEBREW:

1) 7725 שׁוּב *shuvv*  
 = to return, to turn (Jer 5:3, 8:6; Eze 18:32)

2) 5162 נָחַם *nacham* (108x; repent 41x)  
 = to be sorry, regret, to rue, to suffer grief  
 (Exo 13:17; Job 42:6)

#### GREEK:

3340 μετανοέω *metanoeo*  
 = to change one's mind, to change direction  
 with an abhorrence of past sins  
 = a change of mind regarding Jesus Christ

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1. "Repent" was the defining call in the preaching of John the Baptist, Jesus and His disciples  
 (Mt 3:1-2, 4:17; Mk 6:12; Acts 2:38)
2. Jesus' final challenge to the apostles was to preach repentance and forgiveness to all nations  
 (Lk 24:46-47)
3. Repentance toward God and faith toward Jesus was Paul's testimony to Jew and Gentile alike  
 (Acts 20:21, 26:20)
4. Repentance is the Lord's desire for all people  
 (2 Peter 3:9)
5. "Repent" is God's command to all people everywhere  
 (Acts 17:30)

6. Repentance is the only way to escape perishing  
 (Lk 13:3, 5)

7. True repentance is given by the risen Messiah Jesus, Prince and Saviour  
 (Acts 5:30-31)

8. True repentance resulting in life is given by God, as a result of His kindness, patience and forbearance  
 (Acts 11:18; Rom 2:4; 2 Pet 3:9)

- a) through the preaching of the Word (gospel)
- b) when God's Word is believed  
 (Mt 12:41; Jonah 3:5-8)

c) correction, though painful, can result in godly sorrow & repentance  
 (2 Tim 2:24-25; 2 Cor 7:8-11)

d) seeing and experiencing God as He really is brings about repentance  
 (Job 42:5-6)

9. True repentance results in:  
 a) pardon, remission (blotting out) of sins  
 (Isa 55:7; Lk 24:46-47; Acts 3:19)

b) receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit  
 (Acts 2:38)

c) great rejoicing in heaven, in the presence of the angels of God  
 (Lk 15:7, 10)

10. True repentance is identified by:

- a) a new attitude toward sin
  - sorrow over sin
  - shame because of sin
  - hatred of sin
  - self-loathing because of sin  
 (Lk 10:13; Joel 2:12-13; Jer 31:19; Lk 18:13)
- b) confession of sin and asking God for mercy  
 (Hos 14:1-2; Lk 18:13-14)
- c) turning away from all
  - evil ways, transgressions and sins
  - idols and detestable practices
  - evil thoughts  
 (Eze 18:30, 14:6; Isa 55:6-7)
- d) turning to God to trust and serve only Him  
 (1 Th 1:8-10; 1 Sa 7:3)
- e) fruit and deeds appropriate to - in keeping with - repentance  
 (Mt 3:8; Acts 26:20; Lk 3:8)
- f) baptism  
 (Mk 1:4; Acts 2:38)