

Biblical (Salvific) Repentance

Repentance for Salvation/Eternal Life (Justification) *is not* turning from or abandoning sins.

I. Biblically, to “repent” is to **change your mind**. A *turning from*, and a *turning to someone or something*. →

II. **Avoid** conflating Justification (Eternal Life) with Sanctification (Discipleship or Christian service).

In Acts 26:20, Paul’s gospel message gives the relationship and proper order for Justification and Sanctification, telling both Jews and Gentiles “...that they should **repent [change your mind]** and **turn to God, [faith/belief]** and do works **meet for repentance.**” **[what you’re created to do, not to be saved, but because you already are]**
Eph. 2:10; Titus 3:5-8.

G3340
metanoō
met-an-o-eh'-o
From **G3326** and **G3539**; *to think differently or afterwards*, that is, *reconsider* (morally to *feel compunction*): - repent.
Total KJV occurrences: 34



Justification



Sanctification

Repentance From What? (Continued)

- Who Heavenly Father is (Acts 20:21)
- Who Jesus is (Acts 2:22-38)
- Self-righteousness (Rom. 10:1-4)
- Wages of sin (Rom. 6:23)
- Way of salvation: “Therefore we conclude that a **man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law**” (Rom. 3:28)

Repentance To What?

- Acts 20:20-21- “...**repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.**”
- Matt. 21:32- “For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye **believed him not**; but the publicans and the **harlots believed him**, and ye, when ye had seen it, **repented not** afterward, **that he might believe him.**”
- Mark 1:15- ...The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: **repent ye, and believe the gospel.**
- 2 Tim 2:25- “In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give **them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth.**”

Repentance From What?

- Heb 6:1- “...let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of **repentance from dead works**, and of **faith toward God,**”
- What are dead works?
 - Works = Opposite of a gift (Eph. 2:8-9)
 - Works = Faith not counted (Rom 4:4-16; 5:1-2)
 - Works = To be fallen from Grace (Gal. 5:1-4)

