True Repentance

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INTRODUCTION

- Not everything in the Bible is hard and difficult to understand.
- Repentance is a topic that is very easy to understand. Repentance is something that is talked about and defined all throughout the Bible.

1 Taking Responsibility for Our Sins

2 Samuel 12:13; Genesis 3

- David said to Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord. And Nathan said to David, The Lord also has allowed your sin to pass. You shall not die.
- He acknowledges that he had done wrong and he owns his sin and he repents. He accepts responsibility.
- Adam and Eve didn't want to accept responsibility for what they had done. And so often we are just like them.
- We have to admit that we've done wrong. I have sinned. I have committed evil in the sight of the Lord.

2 Feel Some Godly Regret

2 Corinthians 7:8–10; Genesis 6:6; Psalm 51:1–10

- Repentance involves more than just regretting the consequences for our actions.
- For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death.
- Our sins bring emotional pain and anguish to God.
- David here is experiencing godly sorrow, godly regret. And if I'm going to truly repent, that's what I got to do.

3 Reformation: I Have to Change

Isaiah 55:6–7; 1 Thessalonians 1:9; Luke 3:8

- After I take responsibility for my sins, and after I have godly sorrow and regret over my sins, I have to change.
- Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return to the Lord, and he will have compassion on him.
- Repentance, according to the Bible, involves turning away from sin, turn away from wickedness, and turning to the Lord.
- It's not enough just to confess our sin and acknowledge our sin and even cry over our sin. No, we gotta stop the sin.

4 Make Some Restitution

Exodus 22:5–12; Luke 19:8

- The word restitution comes from a Hebrew word that means to make amends. It means to restore, it means to pay again.
- Certainly, it's just not possible to make restitution in every circumstance.
- We will make restitution if it's possible.
- Behold, Lord, half of my possessions. I'll give to the poor, and if I've defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much.
- He washed their wounds. Evidently, he had beaten them before he put their feet in the stocks.

5 True Repentance Can't Be Relegated

Acts 2:38

- We gotta make sure that we don't de-emphasize repentance.
- Repent. And each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- Notice the prerequisite for Bible baptism is repentance. We must repent and be baptized.
- Repentance involves a commitment, a commitment to change, a commitment to give up sin, a commitment to live for the Lord even after I come up out of that water.

6 Rejoicing in Heaven

Luke 15

- Those in heaven, God and his angels rejoice every time one sinner repents.
- A broken relationship between a sinner and God has been repaired, and forgiveness and access to heaven has been granted.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Now that we've rehearsed what the Bible says about true repentance, do you need to truly repent? Do you need to make the decision to truly transform your life?**

MY NOTES