

## Elementary Principles of Christ **REPENTANCE from DEAD WORKS**

Hebrews 6:1 – 3

“Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of **repentance from dead works** and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this we will do if God permits.”

Whether in the Old Testament (OT) or in the New Testament (NT), you do not have to read very far to see the doctrine of repentance come to the forefront. In the OT, the common word used for repentance was “turn” or “return” to God. In the NT, repentance is preached from John the Baptist. Afterwards, the Lord Jesus Christ follows with the same message. Likewise, the Apostles continue, throughout the book of Acts and the Epistles, saying the same thing: “Repent.” And, yet, even now, in our day, according to Acts 17:30, “God commands all men everywhere to repent.”

***Repentance means to “change one’s mind.” It is a change in one’s mind concerning God and the ways of God. It is a turning away from sin and from one’s own way (“dead works”) and a turning to God in faith. This “change in mind” results in an outward change in actions.***

Repentance is one of the major themes of the Bible. Its thread runs from Genesis to Revelation. For further study, from the New Testament, study the following references:

Matthew 3:1, 2	What was John the Baptist’s message?
Matthew 3:8	If one has truly repented, what should be the result?
Matthew 3:11	What type of baptism did John the Baptist do?
Matthew 4:17	What was Jesus’ first word in his public ministry?
Matthew 9:12, 13	What did Jesus come to do?
Matthew 11:20, 21	What is the result of not repenting?
Matthew 12:41	What did the preaching of Jonah result in?
Mark 6:10 -12	What did the disciples preach?
Luke 13:1 – 5	What is the result of not repenting?
Luke 15:7, 10	What causes joy in heaven?
Luke 15:11 – 32	What does the parable of the prodigal son teach about repentance?
Luke 16:27 – 31	What did the rich man in Hades want his brothers to do?
Luke 24:46, 47	What is to be preached?
Acts 2:37, 38	What did the apostle preach?
Acts 3:19	What proceeds conversion?
Acts 8:18 – 23	What are the two things Simon was told to do?
Acts 11:18	To what does repentance lead?
Acts 17:30	What is God’s command to everyone?
Acts 20:21	What are the two things to be done?
Acts 26:20	What is the definition of “repent” according to this verse?
Romans 2:4	What does God use to lead sinners to repentance?
2 Corinthians 7:8 – 10	What is used to produce repentance?
Hebrews 12:17	Who did not find repentance?
2 Peter 3:9	Why is God so long-suffering?
Revelation 2:5, 16	What was God command to these churches?
Revelation 2:20 – 23	Because Jezebel did not repent, what happened to her?

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