

REPENTANCE



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GOT QUESTIONS?

The Christian's Secret Weapon

The Doctrine of Repentance is the Christian's secret weapon. Imagine the joy and privilege of not being guilty for your sin. But it is more than that.

Let's think about some of the benefits that we receive through the cross of Christ. Here is my short list, realizing it

is not nearly exhaustive. Repentance means:

- Freedom
- Problems Solved
- Regret Removed
- Past Makes Sense

- New Beginning
- No More Guilt
- Relationships Restored
- Clear Conscience
- New Future
- Hope in Christ



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THE PROCESS OF REPENTANCE



THE PROCESS OF REPENTANCE INCORPORATES THESE ELEMENTS...TAKE A LOOK AT THESE...

1. Sin
2. Guilt
3. Conviction
4. Confession
5. Forgiveness
6. Reconciliation
7. Restoration
8. Putting off the old self
9. Renewing the mind
10. Putting on the new self
11. Discipling others

Breaking It Down

When I **SIN** there is a condition of **GUILT**. At this point I should feel **CONVICTION** from the Holy Spirit.

Sometimes the person may not feel conviction. Therefore, counseling can be a good context in which to bring the sin to light and to identify the reasons there is no conviction. (See the side panel for reasons there may be no conviction.)

I SIN AND, THEREFORE, WANT TO REPENT IN RESPONSE TO THE SPIRIT OF GOD MOVING MY HEART AWAY FROM MY SIN BY REMINDING ME OF THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS FOUND IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST.

THE CROSS OF CHRIST HUMBLING ME AND I WANT TO OBEY

CONFESSION

To confess means to agree with God.

To confess also means to agree with others whom I may have sinned against.

The agreement is between God and me, using the Scriptures as the transcendent moral authority for what is right or wrong.

NOTE: The sphere of confession and the sphere of the offense should be the same.

ACTIVE FORGIVENESS

The sphere of the offense, the sphere of confession, and the sphere of forgiveness should be the same.

Forgiveness is not an apology.

Forgiveness is active with specificity.

Forgiveness is an act of personal prosecution.



NO CONVICTION

WHEN THERE IS NO CONVICTION, I WANT TO LOOK FOR THESE THINGS: (1) I AM NOT A CHRISTIAN; (2) I HAVE WEAK SIN CATEGORIES; (3) I AM AFRAID TO REPENT; (4) I DON'T KNOW HOW TO REPENT; (5) I DO NOT CARE ABOUT SIN AND WILL NOT REPENT, WHICH HARDENS ME...



THE CONSCIENCE EFFECT

WHEN I REFUSE TO REPENT, MY CONSCIENCE WILL BE DAMAGED. IT WILL HARDEN AND, THUS, IT WILL BECOME MORE AND MORE DIFFICULT TO SENSE THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD IN MY LIFE. THIS IS A DANGEROUS PLACE TO BE!



TRANSACTIONAL FORGIVENESS

FORGIVENESS IS GIVING UP ALL RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES UNTIL THE OFFENSE HAS BEEN PARDONED.

IT IS A TRANSACTION BETWEEN TWO PARTIES. HOWEVER, THERE ARE TIMES WHEN A TRANSACTION CANNOT HAPPEN...

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RECONCILIATION

Now I can be reconciled to God (and others if I have sinned against them). The analogy is like when two kids get into a fight on the playground and they later make up.

It is not necessary for the two former adversaries to become best friends, but if there is commonality and potential for relationship, then there is nothing that should prohibit them from becoming good friends.

RESTORATION

At times there may be a need to do some restorative work to the damaged relationship. Here are a few examples where restoration may be a good choice, though it is not always necessary or possible:

WHEN ADVERSARIES WANT TO BECOME ON-GOING FRIENDS.

WHEN SOMETHING HAS BEEN STOLEN OR DISLOCATED

WHEN THE REPENTANT PERSON WANTS TO GO ABOVE AND BEYOND RECONCILIATION, BECAUSE THIS IS WHAT HE HAS EXPERIENCED THROUGH THE GOSPEL

ATTITUDINAL FORGIVENESS



DEATH



UNWILLINGNESS



NOT POSSIBLE



I CAN OVERLOOK



PUTTING OFF ARE ACTS OF WORSHIP



ACTS OF WORSHIP

1. CHURCH MEETINGS
2. BIBLE
3. PRAYER
4. FRIENDS
5. MEMORIZATION
6. DISCIPLING OTHERS
7. EVANGELISM
8. DISCIPLINED BY OTHERS
9. SERVING OPPORTUNITIES
10. SINGING

Renewing the Mind - Putting On Discipling for the Glory of God

The believer now begins a process of “unpacking the mind” in order to identify the ruling motives of the heart. He wants to unearth what has been fueling the sinful thinking that has caused the relational dysfunction in his life, whether the dysfunction is against God or others.

His desire is to “put on” a new life that is an ever-unfolding representation of the Lord Jesus Christ. He wants to “put on Christ.”

The final step in the process of full repentance is when the former sinner has been not only restored to God and others, but he is now filled with the Spirit and empowered by the grace of God to go out and make disciples.

The end of full repentance is not when the broken brother is free from sin. Full repentance happens when he practically loving God and his neighbor. In short, he becomes a Christlike disciple-maker.

He is actively “one another-ing”...see the next page...

FULL REPENTANCE MAKES CHRISTLIKE DISCIPLE-MAKERS

Prefer	Rm 12:10	Prefer, 'outdo' for one another in brotherly love.
Devoted	Rm 12:10	Be devoted to one another in brotherly love.
Same Mind To	Rm 12:16	Have a modest opinion of yourself toward one another.
Build Up	Rm 14:19	Pursue that which makes for peace and building up one another.
Accept	Rm 15:7	Accept one another as Christ also accepted us to God's glory.
Admonish	Rm 15:14	Full of goodness, knowledge and able to admonish one another.
Sue 'Not'	1 Cor 6:7	Do not have lawsuits with one another; no one really wins.
Care For	1 Cor 12:25	Have the same care for one another which averts division.
Envy 'Not'	Gal 5:26	Do not envy one another, but manifest a spirit of contentment.
Truthful To	Eph 4:25	Speak truthfully in every matter to one another.
Kind To	Eph 4:32	Be kind, pleasant and tender hearted to one another
Subject To	Eph 5:21	Be subject to those in authority over you - Eph 5:22-24, 6:1
Regard	Phil 5:21	Don't be conceited, but regard another as more important than yourself
Lie 'Not' To	Col 3:9	Do not lie to one another since you have put that habit away
Bear With	Col 3:13	Bearing with and forgiving one another as the Lord forgave
Teach	Col 3:16	Teach and admonish one another with the words of God
Love	I Thes 3:12	May the Lord cause you to increase in love for one another
Comfort	I Thes 4:18	Comfort one another since the Lord will return for his people
Encourage	I Thes 5:11	Encourage one another, especially as to your faith in the Lord
Peace With	I Thes 5:13	Live in peace or harmony with one another
Seek Good For	I Thes 5:15	Seek after that which is good for one another and for all men
Pray For	I Tim 2:1	Prayers . . . made for all men
Stimulate	Heb 10:24	Consider ways to stimulate one another to love and good deeds
Speak 'Not' Against	Jm 4:11	Do not speak slanderously against one another
Complain 'Not'	Jm 5:9	Don't complain against one another that you may not be judged
Confess	Jm 5:16	Confess your sins to one another - (to those you have sinned against)
Hospitable To	I Pt 4:9	Be hospitable to one another, generous and without complaint
Serve	I Pt 4:10	Use God's gracious gifts to serve one another
Humble Toward	I Pt 5:5	Be humble to one another, knowing God is opposed to pride
Greet	I Pt 5:14	Greet one another in a caring and loving manner
Fellowship With	I Jn 1:7	We have fellowship with one another as we walk with God



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