

# IS REPENTANCE OLD FASHIONED?

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1. WHAT REPENTANCE IS NOT
  - A. Turning over a new leaf.
  - B. Getting caught in a particular sin and being sorry you were caught.
  - C. Quitting a particular sin in your life.
  - D. Having a certain degree of sorrow or remorse.
  - E. Making a deal with God, if he will forgive you then you will never do that sin again.
  - F. Believing there is a God, Jesus and Hell.

2. WHAT REPENTANCE IS
  - A. Recognizing that you are a sinner.  
(Romans 3:23) "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."
  - B. Changing your mind: Realizing that by God's standard (not you or anyone else's) that you are not good enough to go to heaven on your own merits.  
(Romans 3:10) "As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one."  
A change of heart. Having a genuine willingness to change your desires and attitude. A real sorrow in your heart that you have sinned against God, and a real desire to surrender your life to Jesus Christ.  
(Luke 18:13) "And the publican standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner."

3. WHY MUST I REPENT?
  - A. Jesus called for men to repent.  
(Matthew 4:17) "From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
  - B. Jesus taught his disciples to preach repentance.  
(Mark 6:12) "And they went out, and preached that men should repent."
  - C. After his resurrection, he gave instructions of what was to be preached.  
(Luke 24:45-47) "Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, and

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said unto them, thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations beginning at Jerusalem."

- D. God commanded man to repent.  
(Acts 17:30) "And the times of this ignorance God winked at, but now commandeth all men every where to repent." (II Peter 3:9) "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."
- E. Without repentance, Jesus said man shall perish.  
(Luke 13:3-5) "I tell you, Nay! But, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

4. WHAT MUST I DO TO REPENT?
  - A. Admit that you are a sinner in God's sight.  
(Romans 3:23) "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."
  - B. Recognize that if you continue in your present sinful condition, that Hell is your destiny.  
(Romans 6:23) "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."
  - C. Be willing to forsake your sins and call upon Jesus for forgiveness of your sins.  
(Romans 10:9,10) "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."
  - D. Receive Jesus as your Saviour.  
(Romans 10:13) "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Repentance is not a different Plan of Salvation from saving Faith; it is a part of the same plan of salvation. One who turns from sin to God, has done so by trusting in Jesus Christ.

YOU CAN'T GET TO HEAVEN BY REPENTANCE ALONE, HOWEVER YOU CAN'T GET TO HEAVEN WITHOUT REPENTANCE.

If you have received the Lord Jesus as your Saviour, then Heaven will be your eternal home. If you have never received Christ, then why not repent now and receive his forgiveness and let Christ lead you into your heart.

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