

ISSUES OF LIFE MINISTRIES

Self-Help Study Guide

Repentance, Remorse, Conversion

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Repent (metanoeo)

The word repent literally means to change the mind to have second thoughts or to regret. The basic meaning of a change of mind still exist in New Testament usage, but in context of accepting Christ by faith. For example: Paul testifying to Jews, and also to Greece, repentance towards God and Faith in our Lord Jesus Christ (**Acts 20:21**).

Repentance is so closely related to believing that many view it as the reverse side of the coin of faith. That is one cannot truly believe in Christ as Savior without changing one's mind about one's relationship with him. The Christian era started when John the Baptist, the Messiah's forerunner called on Israel, saying, repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand (**Matthew 3:20**) he added therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance verse 8. The fruits should be visible to others.

After being tempted by Satan into the wilderness our Lord Jesus repeats the same message repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand (**Matthew 4:17**) at Pentecost Peter opened the Christian and to express that change by being baptized with water Acts 2:38. God is good to us in order to lead us to repentance Romans 2:4 God's desire is that all should come to repentance 2nd Peter 3:9 repentance is prominent in Revelation especially in the letters to the churches people in churches often desperately need to repent. Hardened latter-day sinners undergoing God's wrath against a Christ rejecting world or four times said said not to repent Revelations 9:20, 21; 16:9, 11 remorse to have remorse is similar in both Greek and English to only five times and God Hebrew 7:21 in an Old Testament quotation the **NKJV** relent is an improvement over the **KJV** repent since God only appears to change it is really his invariable reaction to our change of mind Jesus use the verb twice in his parable of the two sons the son who said he would not work in his father's Vineyard later changed his mind and regretted it and went Matthew 21:29 Jesus.

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Study Lesson:

Psalms - 51:17 Proverbs - 28:13

Isaiah - 55:6

Jeremiah - 3:4 -19

Matthew - 4:17

Mark -1:4; 2:17; 6:12

Luke - 5:32; 23:39 - 43; 24:47

Acts - 2:38 - 41; 3:19; 9:3 -18, 10, 13:7, 12, 43; 16:14 - 15, 27 - 34; 17:4, 12, 30

Romans - 2:4

II Timothy 2:25

I John - 1:9

Examples:

David: II Samuel - 24:10-17

Daniel: Dan: 9:5

Peter: Matthew 26:75

Paul: I Corinthians 15:9

II Thess: 1:5-6 4:8-9; 5:19

II Thess 2:13