

REPENTANCE



Mark 1

- **14** After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. **15** “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”
- **Repentance leads to a new belief**
- **To change one’s mind**

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Acts 2

- **36** “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”
- **37** When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”
- **38** Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- **When you put your trust in God, you have also repented.**

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- **19** Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,
- **turning to God is a turning away from yourself**
- **Recognizing that you cannot make yourself morally perfect or worthy to be saved**
- **Recognizing that true righteousness can only be received – at best, we can only produce “filthy rags”**

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Repentance

- Is not ...
 - penance
 - making promises
 - drowning in guilt
 - Trying to make yourself perfect for salvation
- **It is ...**
 - **Believing Jesus is Saviour**
 - **Putting your trust in Him**
 - **Turning to God**
 - **Trusting in the righteousness of Jesus for salvation**

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What about our behaviour?

- **A new way of thinking will automatically influence your behavior**
- **Eph 4: 20** That, however, is not the way of life you learned **21** when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. **22** You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; **23** to be made new in the attitude of your minds; **24** and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

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Ephesians 4

- **25** Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. **26** “In your anger do not sin”^d : Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, **27** and do not give the devil a foothold. **28** Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

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Perfect moral behavior not measure of repentance

- **Nobody has perfect morals or perfect behaviour**
 - **anything short of perfection is simply not good enough for the kingdom of God.**
- [1 Sam 16: 7](#) But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

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Repentance is ...

- Your saying "Yes!" to God's "Yes!"
- It is to trust him, to believe him and to put yourself, your being, your existence, all that you are, in his hands

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