

No Shoes, No Shirt, No Repentance, No Service

(A Biblical and Historical Look at the Relationship Between Repentance and Salvation)

I. The Debate Over Repentance

A. Non-Lordship View

1. A person is truly saved by confessing Jesus as Savior alone.
2. Lifestyle/behavior after salvation are irrelevant to truthfulness of salvation.

B. Lordship View

1. A person is truly saved by confessing Jesus as Savior and Lord.
2. Lifestyle/behavior after salvation are relevant to truthfulness of salvation.

II. The Definition of Repentance

A. Non-Lordship View

1. Two options

- a. Repentance is not necessary at salvation. Saved people may repent later in their Christian life or not at all.
- b. Repentance occurs at salvation but it is simply a change of mind about who Christ is.

B. Lordship View

1. Repentance is a change of mind about Christ and a change of behavior in response to the Lordship of Christ that must occur at salvation.

III. The Discovery of Repentance

A. Old Testament

1. 1 Kings 8:46-50

2. Jeremiah

- a. Jeremiah 8:4
- b. Jeremiah 8:6
- c. Jeremiah 26:3
- d. Jeremiah 31:19

3. Ezekiel

- a. Ezekiel 14:6
- b. Ezekeiel 18:30
- c. Ezekeiel 18:32

4. Jonah 3

5. Ruth 1

B. New Testament

1. Matthew

a. Matthew 3:1

b. Matthew 4:17

2. Acts

a. Acts 2:36-38

b. Acts 20:19-20

3. Romans, 2 Corinthians, 2 Timothy, Hebrews, 2 Peter, Revelation

IV. The Disappearance of Repentance

A. The role of repentance in salvation has been debated throughout church history.

B. The battle in our our nation.

1. Charles Finney and Easy Believism (1800s)

2. Various Theologians and Age of Grace (1900s)

3. Revivalists and Evangelists (1950s - present day)

V. The Defense of Repentance

A. Examine yourself in light of what the Bible teaches about repentance and salvation.

1. Repentance is intellectual

2. Repentance is emotional (Matthew 27; Matthew 19; 2 Corinthians 7)

3. Repentance is willful (John 14:5; 1 John 2:3-6)

B. Examine others in light of what the Bible teaches about repentance and salvation.

1. Pastors and churches

2. Other believers

3. Deceived false converts