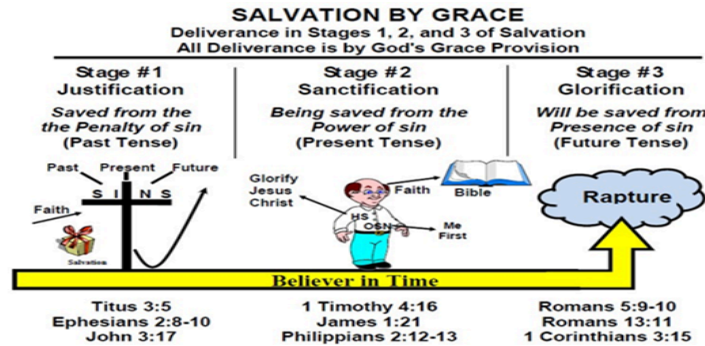


MUST I REPENT FROM MY SINS TO BE JUSTIFIED?
 {What Must I NOT Do to be Saved? Pt. 2}



The Wrong Responses to the Gospel ... Faith in Christ PLUS ...

- 1) **Be HOLY; don't SIN too much.** {Rom. 6:1, 14} **Clarification:** While God desires all believers to live a holy life as a **RESULT** of being saved, it is not the means of obtaining or maintaining salvation; otherwise, salvation would not be by God's **GRACE** but by our **GOOD WORKS.** (1 Pet. 1:3-5, 13-19, 2:1-3)
- 2) **REPENT / FEEL SORRY / TURN from your sins.**

- a. **The OT words “repent / repentance” {nacham}, as well as the NT words {metanoeo - verb, metanoia - noun} actually mean _____ and are translated “repented” {KJV}, “relented” {NKJV}, and “changed His mind” in the OT in some English translations. {Jonah 3:9, 10, 4:2; Amos 7:3, 6}**

When carefully observed in the NT, “metanoia / metanoeo” is **clearly distinguished from “sorrow” {puneo} and “regret” {metamellomai – Matt. 27:3-5} and continues to mean _____ - 2 Cor. 7:8-10.**

It is important to remember that sorrow can _____ repentance, _____ repentance, or _____ repentance, but sorrow is **NOT** repentance and can occur without any _____ element involved. Why is there such a misunderstanding & mistranslation of these words? 4 factors ...

- b. **You must remember to carefully examine the _____ of each usage of “repentance” to determine WHO is to change his mind and about WHAT. {2 Cor. 12:19-21; 2 Tim. 2:24-25}**
- c. **REPENTANCE ...**
 - (1) **is not necessarily connected with your “_____” {context determines who is to repent and what the object of repentance is, and while sometimes believers are told to ‘repent from their sins’, unbelievers are not required to do so for salvation}**
 - (2) **does not mean ‘_____’ {though it might lead to or accompany salvation}.**
 - (3) **does not mean ‘_____’ – for God not turn from His sins when He repented. {He had none!}**

(4) **does not mean a** _____ {though that may or may not be the fruit of it – Luke 17:3-4}

d. **Repentance and faith are closely related in many contexts** but are they are _____ **synonymous** {Acts 20:21; Heb. 6:1} While repentance is _____, faith in Christ is **not always inherent in REPENTING - depending on the context** – as you may change your mind and still not trust in Christ. {2 Cor. 7:8-10; Matt. 12:41, Jonah 3:5; Acts 10:43, 11:17-18}

- What ultimately condemns a sinner? Is it the lack of repenting or turning from sin? {John 3:18}
- Repentance, like “believe”, is repeatedly found in the **ACTIVE VOICE** because we have a **VOLITIONAL CHOICE** in repentance or changing our minds.

e. **There is repentance:**

(1) **needed** _____ **salvation / justification for unbelievers.** {Acts 17:30-31}

(2) **needed** _____ **salvation / justification for those who choose to trust in Jesus Christ alone to save them.** {Luke 13:3, 5, 24:46-49; Acts 9:1-6. 10:43, 11:17-18}

(3) **needed** _____ **salvation / justification for believers regarding sin, human viewpoint, false teaching etc. as part of daily fellowship with God and ongoing spiritual growth & transformation.** {2 Cor. 7:8-10, 12:20-21; 2 Tim. 2:24-25; Heb. 6:6; Rev. 2:5, 3:3, 19-20}

f. **The Bible does NOT teach that a sinner must “Repent from their Sins” to be saved from Hell ...**

(1) Because the phrase “repent from your sins” is _____ found in the New Testament.

(2) Because this would require an unbeliever to _____ something for salvation.

(3) Because this would rob a person of the absolute assurance of their salvation as he / she would never know _____ he / she had fully repented of all sins.

(4) Because this would take the spotlight of the Gospel _____ Jesus Christ and place it upon **YOU**.

(5) Because the sin problem has already been settled once and for all when Christ died on the cross and the condition for salvation is _____ **alone in** _____ **alone.**

Clarification: While sinners need to recognize the holiness of God & the reality & punishment of sin to see their need of salvation, the issue at salvation / justification is not “repenting of my sins” {though we have many} but the _____ about the _____ who died for your sins to _____ in His finished work ALONE {Lk. 13:1-5; John 3:14-18; book of John, Romans, Galatians; 2 Pet. 3:9}.

However, repentance ‘from sin’ and other Christian life issues does have a place _____ salvation / justification in the believer’s life as part of the practical _____ process. (Psalm 32:1-5; 2 Cor. 7:8-11; 12:20-21; Rev. 2:5)

- Some closing clarification if you have done or been confused regarding any of the above: