

True Repentance

Psalm 51:1-19

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Main Point:

When you sin against God, repent of your sins and rejoice in your forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

1. Your sin should lead you to repentance.
2. True repentance means confessing your sins to God.
3. True repentance means confessing your sins to God with godly sorrow.
4. True repentance means seeking forgiveness through Jesus Christ.
5. True repentance means striving, by God's grace, for new obedience in your life.
6. True repentance leads to the joy of salvation.

Quotations and Cross-References

Galatians 5:17 ¹⁷ For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. (NKJV)

1 Corinthians 10:12 ¹² Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. (NKJV)

Joel Beeke "There is no sin that, apart from the grace of God, you as a Christian are not capable of falling into."

Psalm 32:3-5 ³ When I kept silent, my bones grew old Through my groaning all the day long. ⁴ For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer. Selah ⁵ I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. (NKJV)

James Montgomery Boice "Sin by its very definition is against God, since it is only by God's law that sin is defined as sin."

Allan Harman "The Old Testament sacrificial system was never meant to operate without consideration of the heart of the offerer."

A.W. Pink "The sorrow of the world does not arise from just views of sin, nor does it proceed from any concern that God has been offended ... In all such cases there is no contrition of heart for having violated a righteous Law, offended a kind Creator—or been an occasion of stumbling to their fellows. It is only that they are incensed at the harvest which follows their evil sowing."

Matthew 6:11-12 ¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. (NKJV)

Hebrews 9:22b ²² ... without shedding of blood there is no remission. (NKJV)

James Montgomery Boice "When [David] asked that God cleanse him with hyssop he meant 'cleanse me by the blood. Forgive me and regard me as cleansed on the basis of the innocent victim that has died.'"