

PRINCIPLE DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH

" REPENTANCE "

Before a person can obtain forgiveness of their sins they are commanded from God to repent. True repentance is obtained when a person forsakes their sins.

REPENTENCE IS WHAT GOD WANTS MEN TO DO!

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Matt 9:12 But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. (KJV)

Matt 9:13 But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. (KJV)

Luke 15:7 I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance. (KJV)

GODLY SORROW WORKETH REPENTANCE

A BROKEN AND A CONTRITE HEART, IS A HEART THAT HAS GODLY SORROW.
THE DEFINITION OF CONTRITE: BROKEN IN SPIRIT BY A SENCE OF GUILT; PEN-
ITENT; PROCEEDING FROM CONTRITION.

CONTRITION: THE CONDITION OF BEING CONTRITE; SINCERE REPENTANCE; SORROW FOR, AND EXTREME HATRED OF SIN WITH A TRUE PURPOSE OF AMENDMENT. (AMENDMENT: TO CHANGE FOR THE BETTER)

Is 66:2 For all those things hath mine hand made, and all those things have been, saith the LORD: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word. (KJV)

Is 66:5 Hear the word of the LORD, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the LORD be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed. (KJV)

Is 57:15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. (KJV)

Ps 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. (KJV)

2Cor 7:10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. (KJV)

Isa 59:1 Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: (KJV)

Isa 59:2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. (KJV)

Col 1:20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. (KJV)

Col 1:21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled (KJV)

1Tim 2:3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; (KJV)

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2Cor 7:9 Now I rejoyce, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. (KJV)

2Cor 7:10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. (KJV)

2Cor 7:11 For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter. (KJV)

IT IS THE GOODNESS OF GOD THAT CONVICTS A MAN'S HEART TO CAUSE HIM TO CHANGE HIS WAYS.

Rom 2:4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? (KJV)

Phil 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. (KJV)

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WHAT IS REPENTANCE?

Definition : to turn from sin and dedicate oneself to the amendment of one's life

Acts 3:19 &26

19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

26 Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

Luke 15:7 I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance. (KJV)

Matt 21:28 But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard. (KJV)

Matt 21:29 He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went. (KJV)

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1 John 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. (KJV)

Ezek 18:21 But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. (KJV)

Ezek 18:22 All his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him: in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live. (KJV)

Ezek 18:23 Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord GOD: and not that he should return from his ways, and live? (KJV)

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Jonah 3:1 And the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the second time, saying, (KJV)

Jonah 3:2 Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee. (KJV)

Jonah 3:3 So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey. (KJV)

Jonah 3:4 And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown. (KJV)

Jonah 3:5 So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them. (KJV)

Jonah 3:6 For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. (KJV)

Jonah 3:7 And he caused it to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water: (KJV)

Jonah 3:8 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands. (KJV)

Jonah 3:9 Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not? (KJV)

Jonah 3:10 And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not. (KJV)

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James 4:6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. (KJV)

James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (KJV)

James 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. (KJV)

James 4:9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. (KJV)

James 4:10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. (KJV)

FRUITS OF REPENTANCE

**The fruits of repentance are the actions and or evidence of repentance.
For example:**

Eph 4:25-32

25 *Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.*

26 *Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:*

27 *Neither give place to the devil.*

28 *Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.*

29 *Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.*

30 *And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*

31 *Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:*

32 *And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.*

These are the fruits of repentance.

Matt 3:8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: (KJV)

Matt 3:9 And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. (KJV)

Matt 3:10 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. (KJV)

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Matt 7:16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? (KJV)

Matt 7:17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. (KJV)

Matt 7:18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. (KJV)

Matt 7:19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. (KJV)

Matt 7:20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. (KJV)

Luke 13:1 There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. (KJV)

Luke 13:2 And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things? (KJV)

Luke 13:3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. (KJV)

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Jerusalem? (KJV)

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Luke 13:6 He spake also this parable; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. (KJV)

Luke 13:7 Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground? (KJV)

Luke 13:8 And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: (KJV)

Luke 13:9 And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down. (KJV)

Romans 6:17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. (KJV)

Romans 6:18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. (KJV)

Romans 6:20 For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. (KJV)

Romans 6:21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. (KJV)

Romans 6:22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life. (KJV)

Heb 6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, (KJV)

Eph 2:1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; (KJV)

Eph 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) (KJV)

Eph 2:6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: (KJV)

Eph 2:7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. (KJV)

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: (KJV)

Eph 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. (KJV)

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works,

which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. (KJV)

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Romans 7:4 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. (KJV)

YOU MUST REPENT TO BE FORGIVEN, OR BE DESTROYED

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Acts 5:30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. (KJV)

Acts 5:31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. (KJV)

Acts 10:43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. (KJV)

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Acts 3:20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: (KJV)

Acts 3:23 And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people. (KJV)

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Rev 2:16 Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth. (KJV)

REPENTANCE PREACHED

Through the preaching of repentance the knowledge of God was given to mankind.

Matt 3:1 In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, (KJV)

Matt 3:2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. (KJV)

Matt 3:7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? (KJV)

Matt 3:8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance: (KJV)

Matt 3:10 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. (KJV)

Mark 1:14 Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, (KJV)

Mark 1:15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel. (KJV)

Luke 24:46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: (KJV)

Luke 24:47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. (KJV)

Acts 2:36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. (KJV)

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Acts 26:19 Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision: (KJV)

Acts 26:20 But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance. (KJV)

Acts 10:42 And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead. (KJV)

Acts 10:43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. (KJV)

Acts 11:18 When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life. (KJV)

2 Tim 2:24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, (KJV)

2 Tim 2:25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; (KJV)