

THE BIBLICAL UNDERSTANDING OF “REPENTANCE”

A. Three PREVALENT EVANGELICAL VIEWS regarding the Issue of Repentance

1. Repentance is a condition for salvation and it involves a recognition of _____ from or a _____ of sin resulting in an observable change in one’s behavior.

* How is this view extremely problematic regarding God?

* How many times does the Bible command unbelievers to repent of sin in order to be saved?

2. Repentance is not a condition for salvation but is a broader call and condition for fellowship between sinful man and a forgiving God and it involves a deep _____ or _____ for sin.

3. Repentance is a condition for salvation which specifically involves a change of mind about anything that you originally thought could save you, and instead _____ becomes the sole _____ of your faith.

B. A BIBLICAL CLARIFICATION regarding the Issue of Repentance

1. Repentance in relation to JUSTIFICATION (1st tense salvation)

- a. The Greek word “*repent*” is *metanoeo* (**metanoe,w**) and it specifically means to _____ one’s _____.

- b. True repentance occurs automatically when someone _____ his/her _____ in the Lord Jesus Christ. (Acts 20:20-21)

c. Conclusively the object of repentance for salvation is _____, but _____ (Acts 11:15-18; 17:30-31)

d. Since repentance is an inherent part of faith in Christ, it is actually _____ for salvation. (Luke 5:30-32; 13:3; 24:47; Acts 3:14-19, 17:30; Heb. 6:1; 2 Peter 3:9)

* If this is true, why then don't we use it in our Gospel presentations?

2. Repentance in relation to SANCTIFICATION (2nd tense salvation)

a. Scripture does teach that there is a place for godly repentance for _____. (2 Cor. 7:8-11; Rev. 2:4-5, 14-16, 20-22; 3:2-3, 16-20)

b. The Lord wants every believer to continually change his/her mind about the flesh, the world and the devil; this change of mind _____ then bring about a change in these _____. (Rom. 6:1-14; 1 John 2:15-17; Eph. 2:1-3; 6:10-13)

c. The focus in the Christian life should not be sin, but rather, _____ in Christ _____, walking in the Spirit. (John 15:1-5; Col. 3:1-4; Gal. 5:16-18; Heb. 11:6)

* How does repentance relate to your personal Christian walk?