

REPENTANCE AND FAITH IN ACTS

FOCUS ON REPENTANCE FOR FORGIVENESS

- 1 “Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” (Ac.2:38)
- 2 “Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord” (Ac.3:19)
- 3 “Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you.” (Ac.8:22)
- 4 “When they heard these things they became silent; and they glorified God, saying, “Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life.”” (Ac.11:18)
- 5 “Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent” (Ac.17:30)
- 6 “testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Ac.20:21)
- 7 “but declared first to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance.” (Ac.26:20)

FOCUS ON FAITH FOR FORGIVENESS

- 1 “Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done.” (Ac.8:13)
- 2 “To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins.”” (Ac.10:43)
- 3 “If therefore God gave them the same gift as He gave us when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God?”” (Ac.11:17)
- 4 “and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.” (Ac.13:39)
- 5 “So they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.”” (Ac.16:31)

1 CHANGING YOUR MIND POSITION:

Repentance is only changing your MIND

REPENTANCE concerns our view of God, not considering your future life

“Faith and repentance are the same, they are not two separate decisions. One cannot trust Christ as Savior

without repenting or changing his mind. The very fact that he trusts Christ for salvation shows that he has changed his mind regarding sin, salvation, and God.” — *Curtis Hutson*

- Repentance is paired with faith, not with behavior.
- Adding behavior to the definition of repentance undermines salvation by grace through faith alone.

2 CHANGING YOUR MIND AND LIFE POSITION:

Repentance involves a change of MIND and LIFE

REPENTANCE concerns our view of God AND considers your future life

- The call to repentance is not a demand to clean ourselves up before we are accepted.

- Faith precedes repentance as a fruit unto salvation. Repentance flows from faith.
- Repentance and faith are inseparably linked in Scripture. That is why both are linked to conversion (2Pe.3:9).
- The gospel awakened heart says, “Lord, You have saved me from the guilt of sin. Now save me from the power of sin in my life” (2Co.5:17). Faith drives repentance for change.
- Genuine repentance knows that the evil of sin must be forsaken, and the person and work of Christ totally and singularly embraced.
- Repentance itself is not a work, but works are its inevitable fruit (Mt.3:8, “bear fruits worthy of repentance”).

