

REPENTANCE AND FAITH MEANING AND ORDER

FAITH	REPENTANCE
Source (Grace of God): “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God” (Ep.2:8)	Source (Grace of God): “God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life” (Ac.11:18)
Essence: • It is about RELATIONSHIP • Changing our Relationship	Essence: • It is about INFORMATION • Changing our Thinking
Defined: Biblical FAITH is rooted in a relationship with God. It is characterized by assurance in the work and promises of Christ, as the treasure of your life	Defined: Biblical REPENTANCE is discovering the emptiness of sin, our separation from God, and the delight of forgiveness in Christ alone.
Involves: Faith involves trusting in Jesus Christ for new life and forgiveness of sin, thus, salvation	Involves: Repentance involves a desire to turn away from sin indicating a change of heart and mind toward God
Salvation: We are saved by faith	Salvation: No one is saved by repentance
Foundation: Our lives concern living by faith in Christ as our foundation	Foundation: Our lives may be changing, but it is not the foundation for life.
Daily View: Considers the Person of God, recognizing His mercy and plans for my life.	Daily View: Considers our life before God, wanting to conform to His will.
Ongoing: Faith unto salvation is a one-time event. Once received, we continue to live by faith	Ongoing: Repentance after salvation is ongoing. We tell God we are sorry for our sin asking for strength to quit.

**ORDER OR
PRIORITY**

1. FAITH precedes REPENTANCE

- The motivating power for repentance lies in faith’s grasp of the mercy of God.

2. REPENTANCE and the knowledge of sin precede FAITH

- “...repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ” (Ac.20:21)

3. REPENTANCE and FAITH are equally essential

- We cannot separate turning from sin in repentance and coming to Christ in faith.

