



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO REPENT AND BELIEVE THE GOSPEL?

Day 1	—	Matthew 4:17; Mark 1:14-15; Luke 24:44-47; Acts 20:18-21
Day 2	—	Isaiah 45:18-22; Isaiah 30:15
Day 3	—	Ezekiel 18:29-32; Ezekiel 36:16-32
Day 4	—	Psalms 51:1-4; 2 Samuel 12:13a
Day 5	—	Acts 17:22-31; Luke 13:3, 5
Day 6	—	Job 22:21-29; 42:1-6
Day 7	—	Luke 15:11-21; 1 Thessalonians 1:9
Day 8	—	Acts 11:18; 2 Timothy 2:24-26
Day 9	—	Acts 16:30-31; John 6:29, 40-69
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Day 16	—	Hebrews 11:1-6; Genesis 5:21-24;
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Day 22	—	Numbers 13:1-33; Numbers 14:1-11; Joshua 14:6-14
Day 23	—	Daniel 3:1-28
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Day 25	—	Psalms 62:1-2, 5-8; Psalm 63:1-8
Day 26	—	Proverbs 3:5
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Day 29	—	Galatians 2:20
Day 30	—	John 12:35-46
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“..Jesus came into Galilee,
proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying,
‘The time is fulfilled,
and the kingdom of God has come near;
repent and believe in the gospel’”
(Mark 1:14-15)

ACCORDING TO JESUS, REPENTANCE IS A VITAL PART OF SALVATION. SO, IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO REPENT!

By nature, a sinner is one who is committed to pleasing himself rather than GOD. We are all born self-centered, inclined to sin and disobedient toward God. In reality, we are treasonous against GOD Himself, the Ruler of heaven and earth. The Bible tells us that this crime of treason against GOD is punishable by death – for the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23). All of us are guilty of treason against GOD and deserving of HIS punishment of eternal death for our rebellion.

JESUS SAID THAT UNLESS WE REPENT, WE WILL ALL PERISH (Luke 13:3). So, we definitely need to understand what true repentance is!

Repentance begins with an awareness and understanding of our sin and the realization of its criminal aspects toward GOD. The thrust of the crime of sin is the *love of self*. In repentance, we agree with GOD that our sin is in fact sin. We don't make excuses for it. We admit that it is against HIM and HIS holy Word. But, that's only the beginning. Repentance also involves a change of mind about sin. We no longer are committed to pleasing ourselves, but are now committed to pleasing GOD! We no longer seek our own will for our own satisfaction, but now seek GOD's will with the all-encompassing desire to satisfy HIS will and HIS way. In short, we turn from our self-will to God's will. We turn our hearts from self-love to love for GOD above all else.

**SO, THE CALL TO SALVATION BEGINS WITH A CHANGE OF MIND ABOUT SIN AND SELF
THAT IS WILLING TO TURN FROM MY WAY TO GOD'S WAY.**

JESUS ALSO SAID THAT WE NEED TO BELIEVE THE GOSPEL. We covered the question of “What is the Gospel” in our last letter. If you would like a copy of that, please contact us!

WE NOW DEAL WITH ANOTHER MAJOR QUESTION: WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BELIEVE? The word “believe” is a derivative of the ancient verb form *liefon*. “Be” is to live, exist, to have being. *Lieton* is the root idea of love, and it means “together with”. From *liefon* came “*luf*” and then the word “love” that we have today.

**TO BELIEVE IS TO LIVE, TO EXIST AND TO HAVE OUR BEING
TOGETHER WITH GOD IN CHRIST BOTH NOW AND FOREVER.**

It's by faith to embrace the Gospel of God and the God of the Gospel...for from Him and through Him and to Him are all things!

To Him be the glory forever! Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord to Thee!

I trust You and Your way with my life, and You have the right to my whole life! I want to love you and follow you with my whole heart!

It's the Apostle Paul's words in Acts 17:28 when he said that “in Christ we live and move and exist”. It's a heart that knows that to truly live is Christ (Philippians 1:21)! Paul lived in and for Christ! His life was no longer his own! He loved Christ! He lived Christ! Everything he was, everything he did, everything he hoped in, everything he looked forward to was in Christ! The singular aim of his life was Christ! He desired to know Christ – not just facts about Him – but Paul wanted to know Him...to commune with Him! Paul considered everything as loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus his Lord (Philippians 3:7-14).

**HAVE YOU TRULY REPENTED OF YOUR SIN AND SELF-LOVE AND BELIEVED GOD'S GOSPEL?
HAVE YOU TRULY TRUSTED AND EMBRACED CHRIST AND HIS WAY
WITH YOUR LIFE AND YOUR LOVE NOW AND FOREVER?**