

Importance of Repentance

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What is Repentance

1. When we read the bible the Word REPENT is often used throughout the Old & New Testaments – and has in fact various meanings
2. In Hebrew it is the word:
3. **H5162** - nâcham - A primitive root; **properly to sigh**, that is, breathe strongly; **by implication to be sorry**, that is, (in a favorable sense) to pity, console or (reflexively) rue; or (unfavorably) to avenge (oneself): - comfort (self), ease [one's self], repent (-er, -ing, self).
4. **Exo 13:17** And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not through the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt:
5. **1Kings 8:47** Yet if they shall bethink themselves in the land whither they were carried captives, and repent, and make supplication unto thee in the land of them that carried them captives, saying, We have sinned, and have done perversely, we have committed wickedness;
6. **2Chron 7:14** If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.
7. From these scriptures in Hebrew – **TO REPENT MEANS: To Be Sorry that they made some or other decision, committing sin and want to turn around and go back to their land and to God – whether it being Positive or Negative (running back where they came from)...**

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What is Repentance

1. **NOW: In the Greek it has basically the same meaning:**
2. **G3340 - metanoeo⁻ - From G3326 and G3539; to think differently or afterwards, that is, reconsider (morally to feel compunction): - repent.**
3. **Mat 4:17** From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, **Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**
4. **Mar 1:15** And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.
5. **Luk 13:1-2** There were present at that season some that told him of the Galilaeans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things?
6. **Luk 13:3** I tell you, **Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.**
7. **Luk 13:4-5** Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, **Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.**
8. **In other words – what Jesus was saying here was – You now need to **think differently** than you used to think before – for the Kingdom of God is Now Here – and if you don't change your thinking – You will all Perish Likewise...!!!**
9. **Which is almost the same meaning as in the Hebrew – i.e. **To Reconsider****
10. **BUT: The major difference is **about how are you THINKING** – how they thought in the old testament vs how they (and thus we also) need to think in the New Testament dispensation...!!!**
11. **In the Old Testament – in most cases – people were just sorry they made a decision in a “perceived” wrong direction – and want to turn and go back...**
12. **Whereas in the New Testament – it means **Re-think or Re-consider everything you have been thinking about and doing, and change your ways completely...!!!!****
13. **It doesn't just mean go back where you came from – but it means to change your ways in such a different manner – **that you are neither running back to “safety” – nor continuing in your current trend or path... But leaving everything behind and go in a new direction altogether****
14. **Rom 12:2-3** And be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that **ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.** For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, **not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.**
15. **It is all about WHAT ARE YOU THINKING...**
16. **From the abundance of the Heart – the mouth Speaks (Mat 12:34, Luk 6:45)**

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Required for Salvation

1. **Now the times when we normally hear the Word – Repentance – our first thoughts are – this is for the lost only !!!**
2. **As this is when we will hear the Word REPENT are used the most !!!**
3. **BUT: Its main purpose isn't just for Salvation – to turn from your sinful life – and receive Jesus as your Savior... And then all is ok from here onwards – after you prayed the prayer of Salvation – and Making Jesus your Lord and Savior..**
4. **There is so much more to the meaning of this word..!!!**
5. **It is required in our everyday Christian Walk !!**
6. **Whenever we find ourselves on a wrong path – or realize we are not doing or saying what Jesus would have said or done – we need to Repent – and change our ways...**
7. **The purpose of it – is to become more and more Holy – and washed clean and also to become more and more FREE from this Worldly / Fleshly Nature... (Eph 5)**
8. **The apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 15:**
9. **1Cor 15:47-49** The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.
10. **Meaning we are living and have originated from the Earthly ways – and we now need to RECEIVE the LORD FROM HEAVEN – and BECOME like HIM – Bearing the image of the Heavenly !!!**

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Required for our Continued Salvation

1. And in order to continue to change towards the Heavenly Image only **happens through changing your thinking** on an almost daily basis – as we “discover” certain characteristics of Jesus and of God (the Heavenly) through the Bible – or going to Church – or by God speaking to us through Dreams and visions..etc...
2. We also call it **RECEIVING REVELATION...!!**
3. Revelation isn't just gaining Head Knowledge about a certain area – **but our HEARTS start realizing this way I'm going** (or these words I keep on using, or these things I keep on doing isn't correct – it is causing problems – and it is hurting people, and is stealing my blessings , and I'm not progressing etc...) **isn't really the correct way of speaking / acting / doing, but I need to change.....!!!!**
4. And in order to come to these realizations – Is the working of the Holy Spirit in us, and He is ever so Patiently helping us to change...!!!
5. Our first step towards Salvation – was to Receive Jesus and thus also the Holy Spirit – in order for God to be able to give us these revelations. Before we come to Jesus – there is a VAIL over our eyes and Hearts – and we just can't get the Insight and Understanding (Mat 13:10–17 – See the reason why Jesus said He was speaking in parables – referring to Isa 6:9)
6. **Joh 3:3** Jesus answered and said unto him (*Nicodemus*), Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**
7. **Joh 3:5-6** Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.**
8. Then the apostle Paul writes:
9. **2Cor 3:13-15** And not as Moses, which put a vail over his face, that the children of Israel could not steadfastly look to the end of that which is abolished: **But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which vail is done away in Christ. But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the vail is upon their heart.**
10. **2Co 3:16-18** Nevertheless when it shall **turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.** Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. **But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.**
11. **Meaning: The first step we need to take for change to start manifesting in our lives – is through the PROCESS OF REPENTANCE.....!!!!**

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PROCESS OF REPENTANCE

1. Here is a 3-step process (*taken from 1 John 1:5-10*) that I have found we can follow when we work through the **PROCESS OF REPENTANCE** and **CHANGE**
2. It is almost like coming to Salvation all over again...
3. Except this time round, we don't have to be Baptized again...
4. **1John 1:5-6** This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, **that God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:**
5. **1John 1:7** But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, **and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.**
6. **1John 1:8-10** If **we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,** and the truth is not in us. **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from **all** unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us.**

STEP 1: UNDERSTAND THE POWER IN THE BLOOD OF JESUS

- **Meaning – We need to understand that it is the BLOOD of Jesus that CLEANSSES US**
- **His Blood was shed as a symbol of Atonement**
- **Heb 9:22** And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

Which now leads to

STEP 2 – CONFESSION..!!!!

- **During our Salvation – we didn't really confess each and every sin in detail – all we did was – asking God to Forgive us from our sins – and to cleanse us...**
- **And if you were truly been Born Again/From the Spirit after that – you would have felt free from your past – and cleansed from everything...**
- **SO: when we read this scripture in 1John 1 – we get confused as to who is the apostle John really speaking to**
- **To be clear He wrote this letter to his fellow Christian brothers and sisters.. It wasn't a letter to the heathen... It was a letter for those of the FAITH in JESUS**
- **THUS: the Apostle John writes here – we need to CONFESS OUR SINS...**

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STEP 2 – CONFESSION...!!!! (continue....)

- **NOW:** to fully understand **SIN** – we need to look at what **SIN IS:**
 - *In the Greek it means to **MISSING THE MARK***
 - ***BUT in the Hebrew – it also means – Rebellion, Deception, and Twistedness!!!***
- **THUS: Confessing our sins – mean – Realizing and Admitting – I missed the **POINT (the Mark)** – and I have been **DECEIVED** – and have actually walked in **REBELLION** – because of **Believing TWISTED TRUTHS (which is the worst lies ever)****
- **And the Apostle John says we need to confess this amongst and to each other...**
- **BUT: We normally feel too embarrassed to tell anyone / confessing what we have done – and we would like to keep that hidden...**
- **The problem is – if we don't at least speak to someone and tell them – we will never be truly be set free – and also – we are robbing another person from coming to the same Insight & Understanding (i.e. Revelation) to be set free from the same bondages as we were under...**
- **What I have found is – while I'm working through a situation – I normally keep it to myself. BUT: Once I've been set free – and delivered from it – it is easy to speak about it – and tell everyone what I've gone through – and it becomes common knowledge – and it is like the Devil just don't have anything against me anymore – my fear and embarrassments left me completely – and it is like no one else even bothers talking about it either...**
- **THUS: there is a deep laying POWER hidden in CONFESSION !!!!**
- **SO: you can first confess it to Jesus in prayer first**
- **And then once you know that you know you are set free from it – use it as a testimony and a lesson – and share that testimony / confession with people....**
- **You will be delivered and changed for ever after that..!!!**
- **Rev 12:11 And they overcame him (*satan / the dragon*) by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.**

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STEP 3 – FORGIVENESS..!!!!

This step has 3 parts again:

- **PART A – Forgive Others**
 - This does not have to be a very difficult process – if we understand WHY we need to forgive..!!!
 - ‘Cause God wants us to be free – regardless of what anyone else has done...
 - And the best way is to forgive like Jesus did – saying on the Cross:
 - **Luk 23:34** Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.
 - Because the MAIN REASON WHY People mistreated us – in whatever way – is because they have no knowledge / insight or understanding of what they are doing – **remember the VAIL over their eyes**
 - And also – they don’t have the Revelation from the Holy Spirit – as to what they are doing...
 - **PART B – Forgive Yourself**
 - This is where we normally struggle the most... To be able to forgive ourselves
 - But it is the same process as forgiving others – is **because we have now just realised – I didn’t have the Revelation or insight either until this day..!!**
 - Therefore I can also forgive myself for I only came to the realization now – and want to TURN and change my thinking and walk a whole new Road – FREE from all the bondages I found myself under
 - **PART C – Ask For & RECEIVE God’s Forgiveness**
 - Here we normally just ask for God’s forgiveness !!!
 - BUT: we very seldom receive His forgiveness through FAITH ..!!!
 - And this is just as important – to truly sense His LOVE for you – and experiencing that He truly does forgive you
 - Getting to KNOW HIS GRACE Intimately and Personally – which gives you a Peace beyond Understanding or Explanation... (1 Joh 4:18)
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- **When you have worked through these steps – you will have worked through the PROCESS OF REPENTANCE**
- **And that is for every time we missed the mark in some or other way...**
- **Not just for the first day of salvation but each and every time there after too – when you realise you are not conforming to God’s Word and Will for you..!!!**

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INTERCESSION

1. And from this – we can now TRULY INTERCEDE for anybody...
2. **Definition of Intercession is: to STAND IN THE GAP on behalf of SOMEONE ELSE – praying to GOD for their forgiveness and Deliverance and the saving of their souls (Ezek 13:5 & Exek 22:30)**
3. **BUT: the Definition of STANDING IN THE GAP for Someone else MEANS: you must actually “become that person” in the spirit.!!!!**
4. **i.e. you are calling out to God as if it is that person him/herself crying out to God for their own forgiveness... But the only difference is – you are doing it as you understand – and they don’t...!!!!**
5. **Like JESUS was INTERCEDING FOR US..!!!**
6. **HE BECAME SIN FOR US – so we can be set free ..!!!**
7. **i.e. He stepped right INTO our situation – and then cried out to the Father – FORGIVE THEM FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY ARE DOING..!!!**
8. **i.e. He didn’t just pray for those crucifying Him at the time – He prayed for each and every Human being on this earth from Adam till eternity !!!**
9. **Every Word He Spoke on the Cross (all 7 of them) was Prophetic – and through it made intercession for all of us – not for Himself... (2 Cor 5:21)**
10. **He prayed on our behalf that day !!!**
11. **i.e Becoming the SIN OFFERING and the Scape Goat all at the same time**
12. **Isa 53:5-6** But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.
13. **Isa 53:11-12** He shall see of the travail of His soul, and shall be satisfied: by His knowledge shall My Righteous Servant justify many; for He shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong; because He hath poured out His soul unto death: and He was numbered with the transgressors; and He bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.
14. **This is True Intercession..!!!**
15. **And this is how we pray for someone else we are realizing they are on the wrong road..**
16. **THUS: when we going through the 3-Step Process of Repentance – we are also claiming the GRACE OF GOD through the Intercession of Jesus first for our selves – and then also for others..**
17. **And with this knowledge – lets now step into Praying / Interceding for South Africa, Malawi, and the rest of Africa and the world..!!!!**
18. **USHERING IN GOD’s Presence and Spirit – bringing true REVIVAL onto this Earth !!!!**

HALLELUYA !!!!