

Dear Visitor,

The following article introduces the subject of True Biblical Repentance. This is a topic seldom discussed, even among fellow Christians. And there are many misconceptions about Repentance, so we hope the following presentation will be a blessing to your soul.

- (C. H. Spurgeon) Any repentance that keeps thee from believing in Christ is a repentance that needs to be repented of.
- (A. W. Pink) Repentance does not save, yet no sinner ever was or ever will be saved without it. None but Christ saves, but an impenitent heart cannot receive Him.

What is True Biblical Repentance?

Matthew 3:8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:

In the biblical sense true repentance means you change your mind and reason for living after coming under conviction of your personal sins and their ungodliness before a perfect and righteous God. You realize there is a penalty to be paid for the sins you have committed. The practical application of repentance in your life is a turning away from your sinful lifestyle, and embracing the desires God has for your life.

Strong's Greek Dictionary defines the Greek word for repentance as μετανοια (met-an'-oy-ah), (subjectively) compunction (for guilt, including reformation); by implication, reversal (of (another's) decision): - repentance.

But God is merciful, and provides you a way to escape punishment for your sins. God offers you the free Gift of salvation (see below – considerations for eternal life). God's salvation is from an eternal suffering in Hell without God to an eternity of joy in Heaven with God. True Repentance results in your spiritual birth (you are born again) and a resulting new purpose for your life.

When you repent you come under strong conviction of your own sinfulness and guilt. You realize you are unworthy and helpless to stand before a holy and pure God. You also understand and appreciate God's mercy toward you, which is evidenced through the suffering and death of Christ on the cross for you. Yes, Jesus died in your place, and after repentance

you will have a strong revulsion against sin. Subsequent to repentance you will turn from your wicked ways and start a life journey with God. You will strive to live a holy life to honor and serve our Lord for the rest of your time here on earth. This does not mean you will never sin again. But when you do, you will come under strong conviction to again confess your sins and receive a renewed forgiveness and cleansing.

1 John 1:8-9 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.

Select Bible passages on repentance.

Ezekiel 18:30 Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be *your ruin*.

Luke 5:32 I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Luke 13:3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Luke 24:47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations,

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out,

2 Corinthians 7:10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

How can I go to Heaven when I die?

At this very moment you may be under conviction for your sins and unrighteousness. Described below are five considerations for eternal life, the free gift especially prepared for you by God Himself, the Lord Jesus Christ. If you have not yet received your free gift of eternal life, and the assurance that one day you too will be in heaven, read how you can settle this matter today. Only God can give you eternal life, and because it is a free gift, you don't have to do anything to earn it. Believe on the name of Jesus as your personal saviour, repent from your sins and turn your life towards Christ. Simply trust God and obey Him.

Specifically the Bible says there are five considerations for **How to Go to Heaven**, which we will refer to as **God's Plan of Salvation**:

- We are all Sinners
- The punishment for our Sin is Death
- Jesus died and shed His blood to pay our death penalty
- Salvation requires Godly sorrow and repentance from our sins
- Christ will save you today if you receive Him as your Lord God

Below are select passages from the Bible that address each of these five points. After reading the verses, if you want to receive your free gift of eternal life, simply bow your head and pray directly to God. Talk with Jesus. Admit you are a sinner, and that you believe He died for you to pay for all your sins, and that you want assurance of salvation today. If you ask God in simple faith and with a sincere contrite heart, by His grace He will hear your prayer for salvation, and you will go to heaven after you die.

Yours in Christ,

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God's Plan of Salvation

We are all Sinners

Ecclesiastes 7:20 For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.

Romans 3:10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God

James 2:10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.

James 4:17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

The punishment for our Sin is Death

Ezekiel 18:4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

John 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

James 1:15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

JESUS died and shed His blood to pay our Death Penalty

Isaiah 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.

Romans 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

1 Corinthians 15:3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures

1 Timothy 1:15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

Salvation requires Godly Sorrow and Repentance from our Sins

Psalms 34:18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

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CHRIST will save you today if you receive Him as your LORD GOD

Psalms 34:4 I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Romans 10:9-10 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

If you have any questions about this letter, please email me at jim@how2go2heaven.com and I will be happy to answer you.

Below are selected Bible verses that discuss other interesting topics.

Assurance of Salvation

John 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

John 6:39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

John 10:27-28 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

1 John 5:11-13 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

1 Peter 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Sins Forgotten

Psalms 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Isaiah 38:17 Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.

Isaiah 43:25 I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

Hebrews 8:12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

Hebrews 10:17-18 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.

The time for Salvation is Now

Proverbs 27:1 Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

Proverbs 29:1 He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed,

and that without remedy.

2 Corinthians 6:2 Forhesaith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

Hebrews 3:15 While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

James 4:14 Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

Works Profit Nothing

Isaiah 64:6 But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

Romans 3:28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

Romans 4:5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

Galatians 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost.

Hell

Mark 9:43-44 And if thy hand offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter into life maimed, than having two hands to go into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

Revelation 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Revelation 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Revelation 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

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