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Foundational Principles of the Faith pt. 2

**“Repentance”**

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# Foundational Principles of the Faith

## Part 2

### Hebrews 6:1-2

**1** Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, **2** Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

# Repentance

## Ezekiel 18:30-32 NKJV

**30** "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways," says the Lord GOD. "**Repent**, and **turn** from all your **transgressions**, so that **iniquity** will not be your **ruin**. **31 Cast away from you all** the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you **die**, O house of Israel? **32** For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies," says the Lord GOD. "Therefore turn and live!"

- Repent (Heb. “shuwb” or “shuv”) = To turn back. To retreat
  - When an army realizes that they cannot win the battle they are in, the leader will call out, “**RETREAT**”, at which call, the army will **turn back** from the battle and run to their encampment.

- In just this same way, the Spirit of God causes us to see that we **cannot win** in the sin we are in. When our hearts finally arrive at this conclusion it becomes possible for us to repent, to retreat from our present course of action (transgression) and make a return to our intended state of being (holiness/righteousness).
- God stands at both ends of the road that mankind travels. In front of man, at the broad end, God stands with a sword to bring judgment against all sin, behind man, at the narrow end, God stands with arms open wide ready to embrace the repentant. God sends the prophet along the road to call out “RETREAT!”, “REPENT!”, “TURN BACK!”, “for why should you die?”

- In spiritual terms, "shuv" (repent) may be regarded as a practical turning away from evil, and turning toward the good, though Jewish thinking regards turning **to** God as **the means** by which we turn **away** from evil.
  - This is to say that the **only** way to turn away from sin is by turning back to God
- This act of turning has the power to redirect a person's destiny. It effects the whole life of the soul. Abraham Heschel wrote, "Judgement, far from being absolute, is conditional. A change in man's conduct brings about a change in God's judgment."

○ Mankind's stubborn insistence on independence from God is rebellion, witchcraft, and idolatry!

1) God's remedy for this unfortunate condition is Repentance. In order for any person or people to make peace with God, they **MUST** arrive at repentance!

2 Chronicles 7:14 NKJV

**14** if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and **turn from their wicked ways**, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

- Wicked = crooked - "...make straight in the desert a highway for our God."  
(Isaiah 40:3)
- This same message is carried into the New Covenant:

## Jesus preached repentance!

Matthew 4:17 NKJV

**17** From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "**Repent**, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand".

## Peter preached repentance!

Acts 2:36-38 NKJV

**36** "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." **37** Now when they heard *this*, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?" **38** 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."

# Paul preached repentance!

Acts 26:19-20 NKJV

**19** "Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, **20** 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.

- Repentance (T'shuvah), by the Hebrew concept, means to “make the return”. In this there is an emphasis on taking the appropriate **actions**, “do works befitting repentance”.
  - The concept of T'shuvah (repentance) has 4 parts:



## 1) Forsake the sin

- Proverbs 28:13 NKJV

**13** He who covers his sins will not prosper,  
But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.

## 2) Regret the sin

- 2 Corinthians 7:10 NKJV

**10** For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death

## 3) Confess the sin

- 1 John 1:9 NKJV

**9** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## 4) Make restitution when possible

- Exodus 22:1 NKJV

"If a man steals an ox or a sheep, and slaughters it or sells it, he shall restore five oxen for an ox and four sheep for a sheep.

### 1 Corinthians 6:9-10

<sup>9</sup> Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

<sup>10</sup> Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.



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